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AUNG SAN WINS CONSEMBLY BATTLE

No 'Quit India For Pakistan' Budget

Liaqat Ali Vigorously Defends Taxation Proposals

NEW DELHI, March 27 (API).—After a four-day debate in which over 43 members participated, the Central Assembly this evening adopted the Finance Member Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan's motion for consideration of the Bill to give effect to the financial proposals of the Central Government for the year beginning on April 1, 1947.

The Finance Member who spoke for over an hour made the following points: There is provision in the Budget for over 111 crores and 70 lakhs to be expended on subsidy for food, grow-more-food campaign, medical relief, Education, Public Health, Irrigation, Power Development, Housing for Labour, etc. All these things are for the amelioration of the poor.

NOT CONCEIVED IN HASTE

The Budget proposals are the proposals of the Government of India. The proposals were not conceived in haste. Certain changes have been agreed to because the Finance Member felt that the condition of labour needs improvement and he felt that if he left a little more money with the industrialists, they would be able to spend it, not to swell their profits, but to improve labour conditions.

Congress members are so much obsessed with the idea of Pakistan with the result they see Pakistan in whatever the Muslim League does. His taxation proposals will not injure industry in any way. Industrialists are not such bad people or unpatriotic that this taxation will kill incentive to further industrial expansion. H.M.G.'s statement of February 20 has made a great change. One thing is certain and that is, whatever may be one's views on a united India or a divided India, the Government of India as it is constituted today, is not going to be there after two or three years.

The Finance Member was loudly cheered at the conclusion of his speech.

The consideration of the Bill, clause by clause, will be taken up tomorrow.

REPLY TO CONGRESS CRITICISM

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, said that members of the Congress Party had showered on him all the blame for the deeds of commission and omission of all his colleagues (laughter). One of the members of the Congress Party had disliked his proposals, not because there was anything inherently wrong with them but because he used the word sub-continent in his speech for India and not Bharat Mata. Mr. Saxena had even attributed to him the dishonest motive that his intention in bringing forward these proposals was to ruin the economic life of the country and then go to Pakistan. Mr. Saxena did not realise that today the whole of India was one and if he ruined one part of India, he was definitely ruining the other part of India (hear, hear). He had been criticised because a vast number of people and a large number of newspapers had described it as a Socialist budget. He made no such claim for his budget.

All that he had claimed was that he had framed the proposals not merely from the financial point of view of meeting the deficit but he had certain social objectives in view as well. Some of the members seriously stated that there was no provision in the Budget for the amelioration of the masses. Prof. Ranga, who as a rule studied all the papers that were supplied to him, had not taken the trouble of looking at the expenditure side of the Budget (laughter).

The Finance Member read out in detail provision for various schemes totalling Rs. 111.70 crores.

Mr. Mohanlal Saxena asked him whether these were the proposals of the Government or the Finance Department. The Budget proposals, said the Finance Member, were and are the proposals of the Government of India (hear, hear). This was really a strange world. If he had behaved like a sun-dried bureaucrat and not accepted any amendment to the Bills he had introduced, then his friends

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LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MAY
NEW YORK, March 27.

Previous Closing	35.76
Today's Opening	35.80
Difference	+04
Today's Closing	35.55
Difference	—21

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
NEW YORK, March 27.

New York Stock Exchange Opening prices.
Anaconda Copper Mining 39-7/8
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United States Steel Common 74
United States Steel preference unquoted.

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Jinnah Accepts Viceroy's Invitation

BOMBAY, March 27, (API): Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All India Muslim League, has replied to the Viceroy, Lord Louis Mountbatten, accepting his invitation to meet His Excellency in New Delhi.

Mr. Jinnah will leave in the next few days for New Delhi where the time and date of the meeting will be fixed.

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French Envoy To India

PARIS, Mar. 27 (Reuter).—M. Henry Foux, the newly-appointed Minister Plenipotentiary to India, will leave Paris on March 30, and is expected to arrive in New Delhi on April 1, it was announced here today by the French Foreign Office.

NO SCOPE FOR PARASITES IN FRANCE

PARIS, March 27 (UPA).—French Labour Minister Ambroise Croizat today announced the introduction of a Government bill calling for the draft into essential work of all "parasitical elements" in France.

Croizat said the French Government was also planning to make use of French prisoners to help solve the pressing labour problem which he held was desperate.

BRITAIN'S NEW SUPER PLANNER

Sir Edwin Plowden Appointed

LONDON, March 27 (UPA): Sir Edwin Plowden, wartime chief executive officer in the Ministry of Aircraft Production was appointed Britain's super planner to-day to organize the country's economic recovery.

Prime Minister Attlee announced Plowden's appointment as the Government's Chief Planning Officer in the Commons while the Trades Union Congress, chief financial prop of the Labour Party, was criticizing the Cabinet's already announced economic targets for 1947 as inadequate.

Let Kher Or Nanda Arbitrate

Abidali's Suggestion To End B. E. S. T. Strike

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. Abidali Jafferbhoy President of the B.E.S.T. Workers' Union declared at a press conference held at the premises of the Journalists' Association of India this evening that he was prepared to submit the B.E.S.T. dispute to arbitration of the Prime Minister, Mr. B. G. Kher, or the Labour Minister, Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda or any other person who may be acceptable to both the parties.

All this, he said, could be done quickly, and not more than a couple of hours would be required to settle the point at issue.

ONLY ATERNATIVE

Mr. Abidali was heckled by reporters who tried to bring home to him the inconvenience and hardships caused to the general public by the B.E.S.T. strike. In reply Mr. Abidali pointed out that the demands of the workers were put before the public for the last several months, but no effort was made by any responsible public body to impress upon the management the desirability of considering the justice of their demands. Strike was therefore the only alternative left to them.

In reply to a question by a representative of this paper Mr. Abidali said that in case the Company started a skeleton service either with or without the support of the public, the strikers will not hesitate to prevent it in a peaceful and non-violent manner.

Regarding the much talked of demand of 50 per cent of goodwill, Mr. Abidali wanted the public to realise the important fact that the shareholders of the Company had been receiving a dividend of 12 per cent for the last several years. The workers on the contrary were paid very meagre salaries. Hence the profits which the Company had derived from the working of the last forty-two years could not be distributed among the shareholders only. Some newspapers had claimed that some part of the profit should go to the public also. He did not repudiate that claim, but what he wanted was that workers' share should also be acknowledged.

ADJUDICATOR'S POWERS

According to the present estimate the Company would be making a profit of more than two crores from their deal with the Municipality. The question of submitting to adjudication could not arise. The powers of the Adjudicator were limited and therefore it was not fair to the workers to compel them to go before the Adjudicator simply to be disappointed in the end. Moreover bitter experience of the disappointmnt which the workers had to face because of many other reactionary awards of the former Adjudicators did not encourage them to submit their dispute to adjudication. He did not want the

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Three-Fourth Majority Expected For A.F.P.F.L

Sixty-Six Candidates Of Party Already Returned Unopposed

RANGOON, March 27. (Reuter): Sixty-six A. F. P. F. L. candidates have so far been returned unopposed as a result of the withdrawal of rival candidates. With the exception of some 24 Communists (out of 29 contesting the election and probably a similar number of Independents, the A. F. P. F.-L. is expected to capture all the 182 general seats in the Constituent Assembly. Out of the 28 special seats in the Assembly, 24 will be filled by Karen supporters of the A. F. P. F. L. and four by Anglo-Burmans.

Thus, if the present indications hold good for a fortnight, U. Aung San's Party will be able to command at least a three-fourths majority in the Burma Constituent Assembly. This is conceded even by the political opponents of the A. F. P. F. L.

British Budget Day On April 15

LONDON, March 27. (Reuter): The Budget Day this year has been fixed for April 15—the day on which Parliament reassembles after the Easter recess.

This was announced in the House of Commons today by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the House.

BEVIN REPORTS TO BR. CABINET ON TALKS WITH STALIN

LONDON, March 27. (U. P. A.): Whitehall sources said today the Cabinet had received a report from Bevin on his talks with Stalin.

The report was said to have arrived too late for circulation among the Ministers before the Cabinet meeting and that Attlee would read it to them.

These sources believed that Bevin had expressed great satisfaction with his interview and expected to meet Stalin again shortly.

NO OVERALL SHORTAGE OF RICE IN BURMA

RANGOON, March 27. (Reuter): New crop statistics for 1946-47 reveal that there will be no overall shortage of rice in Burma this year, it was stated in a Press Note issued here today.

THREAT TO U. S. CONSUL

Sequel To Demand For Hoisting Egyptian Flag On Consulate

ALEXANDRIA, March 27 (UPA): United States Consul A. H. Doolittle was threatened with murder in a letter to-day complaining that the Egyptian flag was not flown on the Consulate besides the Stars and Stripes.

The letter which was signed "Egyptian Committee of National Liberation" was found unstamped in the Consulate's letter box. The message said: "We sent you a letter demanding the hoisting of the Egyptian flag but you failed to execute the order. This shows lack of respect for Egyptian feelings. Therefore the Committee has decided to assassinate the Consul despite any security measures and in broad daylight."

The letter also warned the Committee would blow up the consulate Friday as well as the Swedish Consulate for the same reason.

AUSTRIAN TREATY HANGS FIRE

Pending Definition Of German Assets Excluding Property Seized By Nazis

MOSCOW, March 27, (U.P.A.): U.S. Secretary of State Marshall insisted today that the United States could not be a party to the plan under which property seized by the Nazis from Austrians after the Anschluss could now be considered German and subject to seizure by Russia as reparations.

The United States stand came in a session during which Britain's Bevin and France's Bidault supported Marshall against resistance by Russia's Molotov.

Marshall implied that the Russians already have been doing that.

Molotov again rejected Marshall's original proposal that the deputies formulate a definition of German assets in Austria. The Big Four finally adjourned after a French compromise on the definition, amended by Molotov, was adopted.

Bidault's proposal as redrafted by Molotov reads: "The deputies shall be instructed to prepare a definition of German assets excluding the property taken by the Germans by direct force or as a measure of Aryanization without compensation from United Nations or Austrians.

Until such a definition is supplied to them there will be no agreement on any part of the assets issue which is holding up all progress on the Austrian treaty.

GERMAN LABOUR CAMPS IN BR. ZONE TO BE DISSOLVED

MOSCOW, March 27 (Reuter).—Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Minister, tabled a paper at today's meeting of the 'Big Four' in Moscow, announcing Britain's intention to dissolve German labour camps "Dienstgruppen"—in the British Zone of Germany by Dec. 31 this year.

Privy Council Admits Film Stars' Appeal

Beaumont On Right Of High Court To Reconsider Jury's Verdict

LONDON, March 27 (Reuter).—The appeal by the two well-known film stars in South India, Thiagaraja Bhagavathar and N. S. Krishnan, who were sentenced to transportation for life on charges of conspiracy and abetment to murder a journalist named Lakshmi Kantham, was allowed by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London today.

With six other accused, the appellants were tried by jury before the High Court at Madras and their appeals to that High Court in its appellate jurisdiction were dismissed.

Sir John Beaumont, who gave the Board's judgment, said that as the High Court at Madras did not apply its mind to the question whether the verdict of the jury finding the appellants guilty was right or wrong but considered only whether it was reasonable, Their Lorships allowed the appeal, and the appeal of the appellants against their conviction on May 3, 1945, by the trial judge to the High Court would be remitted to that court to be disposed of according to law.

Lakshmi Kantham was stated to have been tipped off a rickshaw in a Madras Street on November 8, 1944 and stabbed.

The appeal to the Privy Council was heard by Lord Thankerton, Lord Uthwatt and Lord Du Parco and Sir John Beaumont and the leading counsel were Mr. D. N. Pritt, K.C., for the appellants and Mr. G. O. Slade, K.C., for the respondents, the Crown.

Sir John Beaumont said the appeal raised an important question as to the scope and powers of a court under Section 411-A of the Code of Criminal Procedure, which was introduced into the code by the act of 1943.

ISSUE OF JURY'S VERDICT

In the High Court, the Chief Justice expressed the view that a court had power to set aside the verdict of the jury if on consideration of the facts and of the circumstances of the case it was convinced that the verdict was unreasonable. After considering the evidence against the appellants and the summing up by the trial judge, the Court held that the jury had been properly directed and there was material upon which their decision could reasonably be based. Accordingly, without considering whether or not the Court agreed with the verdict of the jury, the appeal was dismissed.

The High Courts at Madras and Bombay had both reached the conclusion that in an appeal upon facts under Section 411-A, the Court should only interfere with the verdict if perverse or clearly unreasonable, but they had reached this conclusion on different grounds. Their Lordships thought that both Courts, in their anxiety to prevent the introduction of the right of appeal under the Section from destroying effective operation of trial by jury in the High Courts, had overlooked an important safeguard provided by the Legislature against such risk. An appeal on a matter of fact could only be brought on the certificate of the trial judge or with the leave of the court of appeal. A judge hearing an application for leave to appeal was bound to consider any special features in a particular case, but he could not ignore the effect which the granting of leave to appeal without due discrimination might have upon the whole system of trial by jury in a High Court.

Leave once having been granted, however, continued Sir John, the matter was at large and the court of appeal must dispose of the appeal upon merits, paying due regard, however, to the principles on which courts of appeal always acted in such cases.

It was true that the court of appeal did not know what view the jury took of the evidence of any particular witness but it knew the view which the jury took of the evidence as a whole. If, attaching due weight to those matters the Court hearing an appeal on facts under Section 411-A came to the conclusion that the verdict of the jury was wrong, it was bound to allow the appeal and reverse the verdict. It had no right to uphold the verdict merely on the ground that it was not perverse or unreasonable. So to do would be to deprive the appellant of the right of appeal which the statute gave to him.

In their Lordships' opinion, the High Court at Madras, in the judgment under appeal, approached the case from a wrong angle.

NEW DEAL FOR BANK CLERKS

BOMBAY, Thursday.—Sir H. V. Divetia, President of the Industrial Court has given his award in the dispute between the employees and management of several banks of the city including the Central Bank of India which was referred to him last month by the Government of Bombay.

The award is accepted by the Government and is binding on both the parties to the dispute.

The following are among some of the important recommendations in the award:

All clerks should be paid a starting salary of Rs. 75 p.m. with an annual increase of Rs. 10 and rising upto Rs. 300 after a service of twenty years.

The starting salary of peons and other inferior staff should be Rs. 40 p.m. with an annual increment of Rs. 3 and rising upto Rs. 110 after a period of twenty years' service.

It is further recommended that Stenographers, Ledger-keepers, paying and receiving Cashiers and others doing a responsible type of work should get more than other clerks.

The new scales of salary shall be considered to be in force from April 1, 1946.

All the employees of the bank shall work for seven hours per day during the week days with one hour's respite and for four hours per day on Saturdays.

The dearness allowance shall be as follows:—(1) Rs. 40 per month for those who do not get a salary of more than Rs. 300. (2) 40 per cent of the salary for those who get between Rs. 300 and Rs. 500 and (3) 25 per cent for those who get a salary of Rs. 500 to Rs. 1,000.

STOP PRESS

YUGOSLAVIA'S REQUEST TURNED DOWN

MOSCOW, March 27 (Reuter).—The Council of Foreign Ministers decided tonight not to accede to Yugoslavia's request to be heard in Moscow when the Trieste Financial Commission's report is presented. They agreed, however, to circulate copies of the Commission's report for information to both Italian and Yugoslav Governments, who will be invited to give their views in writing.

CRIPPS TO LEAD BR. DELEGATES TO U. N. TRADE CONFERENCE

LONDON, March 27 (Reuter). Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, told the House of Commons today that he would lead the British delegates in the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment at Geneva in April.

BRAZIL INTERNS PARAGUAY INSURGENT LEADER

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 27 (Reuter). Major Cesar Aguirre, the Paraguay insurgent leader who arrived here on Tuesday on a "propaganda" visit, was today interned by the Brazilian authorities. He will not be allowed to return to Paraguay until the end of the uprising.

AHMEDABAD WHEAT RATION CUT

AHMEDABAD, March 27 (API.) Wheat ration will be entirely cut in the city from next week as there are no stocks of wheat with Government.

LAKE SUCCESS, (NEW YORK), March 26 (Reuter). Mr. Paul Hasluck, the Australian representative on the United Nations Security Council, has resigned. it was authoritatively learned tonight.

Bihar Police Strike Spreads

Constables In Control Of Jamalpur Magazine

PATNA, March 27, (A.P.I.): While the police strike situation in Patna is well under control, the situation in Jamalpur (Monghyr District) is reported to have taken a serious turn yesterday. In Monghyr town also the strike was complete.

There is no change in the strike situation in Gaya.

At Jamalpur, a sergeant of the police lines was assaulted by strikers yesterday. Constables on magazine guard duty mounted pickets on the magazine, preventing the officers from entering the police lines premises. A number of ex-constables were seen with the magazine guards.

The Commissioner of the Bhagalpur Division rushed to the spot and military was called out. Instructions were issued from the police headquarters here to the Superintendent of Police of Jamalpur to take firm action and to immediately disarm the magazine guard constables with the help of the Military.

IN PATNA

In Patna, 89 Constables and two Communists were arrested yesterday. Havildar Nazeemuddin Malik, who snatched away the revolver of a deputy Superintendent of Police during Tuesday evening's incident at the police lines, has surrendered himself.

Only a section of the 2,000 strong constabulary of Patna are involved in the strike, although most of them are not being able to turn up for duty it is alleged on account of intimidation practised by strikers.

NO MARKED CHANGE IN CALCUTTA SITUATION

Six Killed And 46 Injured In Twenty-Four Hours

CALCUTTA, March 27. (A.P.I.): There has been no marked change in the Calcutta situation since yesterday says a Press Note issued by the Government of Bengal at 9 p.m. to-night.

It adds there have been 23 incidents in the Northern, Eastern and Central parts of the city, resulting in 46 injuries and 6 deaths since the midnight of 26-27th March. The armed police dealt with 4 cases of rioting including one which occurred at 4 a.m. Eighteen rounds were fired and some persons arrested on the spot. Tear gas was also used. Up-to-date over 200 persons have been arrested, some of them carrying weapons.

Punjab Village Set On Fire

LAHORE, March 27. (A.P.I.): During the night in Amritsar the two communities in Katra Doula pelted each other with stones from their houses.

Twenty-seven persons have been arrested this morning in front of whose houses, bricks were found lying according to today's 'Communique' issued by the Punjab Government on situation in the Province. The city is still unsettled the 'Communique' adds, and there are clear signs that the two communities are trying to become economically independent. The police have registered complaints involving property worth Rs. 4.2 crores.

In Kangra district there was a communal disturbances in small Gujar village, seven miles from Mirpur. The village was set on fire but no injuries were caused to persons of either community.

All districts in Rawalpindi division are quiet but a Hindu girl and her uncle were abducted by a Muslim crowd in village Sargal, Police Station Nurpur, Shahpar district.

There was a successful attempt at arson the night before last and yesterday in Ludhiana.

24 Hour-Curfew In Ajmeri Gate Area

NEW DELHI, March 27 (API).—The District Magistrate has issued the following Press note at 4-15 p.m.

The 24-hour Curfew in Egerton Road area finished at 2 p.m. today. The hours of Curfew in this area will now be from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Following a stabbing case near Ajmeri Gate, the District Magistrate has imposed 24-hour Curfew in that area from 3 p.m. today to 3 p.m. tomorrow.

Thirty-one arrests were made in connection with the stabbing case near Ajmeri gate.

No untoward incident took place in any part of the city.

NO FIRING ON PATNA CIVIL POLICE DEMONSTRATORS

A press communique says:

A News Agency message appearing in today's newspapers states that on morning of March 2, troops fired on civil police demonstrators in Patna. This is incorrect.

No troops fired on civil police demonstrators, though there seems to have been a clash between strikers of civil police on the one hand and Provincial armed police on the other.

This booklet calls for a revolution of ideas as regards the ideals and functions of Indian broadcasting ... discusses the significance of freedom of Indian broadcasting as against a hard-and-fast Government monopoly FOR THE FIRST TIME it surveys Indian broadcasting against the special background of mass illiteracy and explains the vast scope of development through private enterprise.

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AGA KHAN HOCKEY

Easy Win For Muslim S. C.

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Muslims Sports Club, Kamptee.. 4
Sparton Club, Jhansi 0

The tie between the Muslim Sports Club from Kamptee and the Spartons Club from Jhansi in the second round of this Aga Khan Hockey Tournament was not much of a match. The winners had things their own way almost throughout the match and the ball could not have been in their half for more than 10 minutes. It was partly due to some excellent work by M. Khan between the bars and partly due to the inability of the Kamptee side to produce a better finishing that score did not improve.

Right-in Afzal Khan scored the first two goals, although only one was scored before the first half and left-in Nutlal scored the third and the fourth. But the brains behind the movements of their forwards was certainly that of Roa who led the attack. His distribution was effective and play sound.

and play sound. For the other side right-in Lakshman Narain showed promise in the brief spells during which his line was in possession of the ball. His steelwork was nimble and occasionally he beat a couple of defenders before parting with the ball, but his colleagues were seldom good enough to utilise this.

In spite of the four goals that he let past Khan was quite reliable in charge of the goal and brought off a number of excellent saves.

The teams:—

Muslim S.C., Kamptee Mohd. Hanif; Gani and Mudaliar; Abdul Subhan; Khalib-ur-Rahman and Raghoo; Ibrahim, Afzal Khan, Roa, T. Nuttal and Ramsoo.

Spartan Club, Jhansi:—M. Khan; Padam Chand and Baboo Lal; Mahabir, Phool Chand and Ram Sarup; Roshan Khan, Lakshman Narain, Iiralal, Khub Chand and Rajendra Narain.

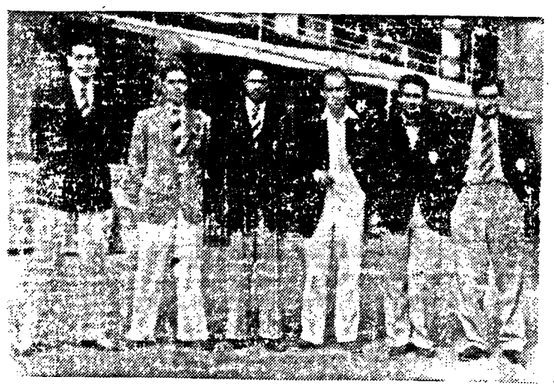
Referees:—Messrs. Ribero and Desai.

Friday evening at 5-30 p.m. Kalyanmal Mills vs. Muslim Gymkhana, Nagpur.

INTER CLUB HOCKEY: The finals of the Inter Club Hockey Tournament between Anjuna S. C. and Sangolda Sports Club for J. T. Martin Cup will be held to-day (Friday) on B.P.H.A. Ground, Bombay, at 5-45 p.m.

ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT URGES TRUMAN-STALIN MEETING

NEW YORK, March 27 (A.P.I.): Elliott Roosevelt, son of the late President Roosevelt, yesterday urged another meeting between Truman, Stalin and Attlee as a step toward settling worsening international relationships.



Members of the Davis Cup team for 1947. Left to right: Sumant Misra, Jimmy Mehta, Gupta, (Manager), Ghaus Mohamed (Captain), Dilip Bose and Iftekar Ahmed.

"ARRESTED LABOUR LEADER CHAINED TO HIS COT"

Precautionary Measure To Prevent Prisoner From Escaping And Disappearing Underground, Says Madras Home Minister

MADRAS, March 27 (API.) In the Madras Assembly today Dr. Subbarayan the Home Minister replying to the question of a Communist Member said that it was a fact that one, Mr. Parameswaran Nayar, Secretary of the South Indian Railway Labour Union, who was arrested during the Railway Strike and kept in the Trichinopoly District Headquarters hospital for treatment of severe head injuries received during the police lathi charge was chained to his cot. He added that Parameswaran Nayar was chained to the cot only after his injuries had healed.

A string of supplementary questions were raised by the members of the House.

Mr. Venkateswaraju (Communist) asked why such a barbarous treatment was meted out to the prisoner.

The Minister replied that the police had to take precautionary measures to prevent prisoners escaping and disappearing underground.

Q. Is it the policy of the Government to arrest persons on mere suspicion that they will go underground.

A: If the party to which the gentleman belongs comes out in open and assures that it will adhere to non-violence and follow constitutional methods in influencing society to adopt its economic and social ideals, then perhaps the Government will reconsider the position.

Q: Is it mere political vindictiveness or the policy of the Government to disrupt the Communist party when the party has announced that it follows non-violence?

A: No question of vindictiveness by one party against another. Nevertheless, the fact remains that the Communist party is guilty of inciting violence.

FOUR MORE MINISTERS FOR MADRAS CABINET?

Four more ministers are likely to be appointed shortly increasing the strength of the Madras Cabinet from eight to twelve.

An official announcement to this effect is expected shortly.

The names of Mr. Daniel Thomas (Indian Christian), Mr. V. Kurmayya (Harijan), Mr. T. S. Avanasalingham Chettiar and Mr. Kala Venkata Rao are mentioned as probable candidates.

The first three were among the five ministers in the Prakasam Cabinet who resigned on February 28 due to their differences with Mr. Prakasam.

TWO AIRCRAFT MISSING

PORT DARWIN (Australia), March 27, (Reuter): Two aircraft are missing today somewhere inland from the gulf of Carpentaria (North Australia).

One of the aircraft is a Dutch Dakota reported missing yesterday between Long Beach (Central Queensland) and Port Darwin with seven Dutch passengers aboard. The other is a New Zealand Mosquita on delivery flight from Britain.

Dutch planes have been searching over a wide area but operations today have been hampered by bad weather.

MORRISON FOR FOREIGN OFFICE?

British Cabinet Changes Likely After Easter Recess

LONDON, March 27. (Reuter): Though official Quarters in London described as without foundation a London News chronicle report that the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin was to leave the Foreign office to become Britain's Chief Economic Planner, the paper's Industrial correspondent saidd today that there was almost universal approval of the rumoured proposal and that though many people tipped the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Dr. Hugh Dalton to succeed Mr. Bevin, more still believed that if Mr. Bevin changed jobs, the Lord President of the Council, Mr. Herbet Morrison would become foreign secretary.

"The general view in political circles in London last night is that big Cabinet changes are coming after the Easter recess", the correspondent said.

In Whitehall, he added, the idea of Mr. Bevin becoming the Chief planner was warmly welcomed by most of the Big Civil Service chiefs though naturally they were prohibited by their official positions from making any public comment.

In the event of a change, the appointment of Mr. Morrison, rather than Dr. Dalton to succeed Mr. Bevin would avoid an embarrasing change at the treasury in the middle of parliamentary debates on the budget, the correspondent said. In other words, Mr. Morrison and Mr. Bevin would exchange jobs since Mr. Morrison now presides over the Cabinet Economic Committee.

Four Storm Troopers Arrested

FRANKFURT, March 26, (A.P.A.): The United States Army announced today "the discovery and smashing of another Nazi attempt to form a large-scale organisation", with the arrest of four former high officers in the notorious S. A. Storm Troopers.

SCHOOLS AT PLAY

The grand Pageant entitled Schools at Play, which is to be held in Bombay at the Brabourne Stadium tomorrow (Saturday) at 5 p.m. will serve a double purpose. It will not only provide an opportunity to the blind to participate with the sighted children, but the proceeds from it will be distributed among the institutions in Bombay for the blind, deaf and dumb.

"GOAN PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

Mr. Massillon Almeida, General Secretary of the Goa Congress Committee, in a statement to the Press: ? says:

Certain Goan elements who pose as pro-Congress in 'British' Indian matters but who are admirers of Salazar and close associates of the Portuguese Consul in this City are holding on 30th instant what they call a People's Conference to request autonomy and democracy for Goa under the aegis of the decadent Fascist Portugal.

We remind our brethren that now the time has definitely come when we Goans have to manifest in unmistakable terms our patriotic will for self-determination and re-union with Mother India.

We warn the public against the quislings of the Indian nation and appeal to all Goans not to associate with the sham shows which only damage the honour, dignity and future progress of the Goan People.

BASLO, (Switzerland): March 27, (A.P.A.): The Swiss Justice and Police Department announced today that Wilhelm Vonderbey, former director of Ig Barben industie, the German chemical combine, is to be April 15. Vonderbey has been in Basle for six months as a consultant for a chemical firm.

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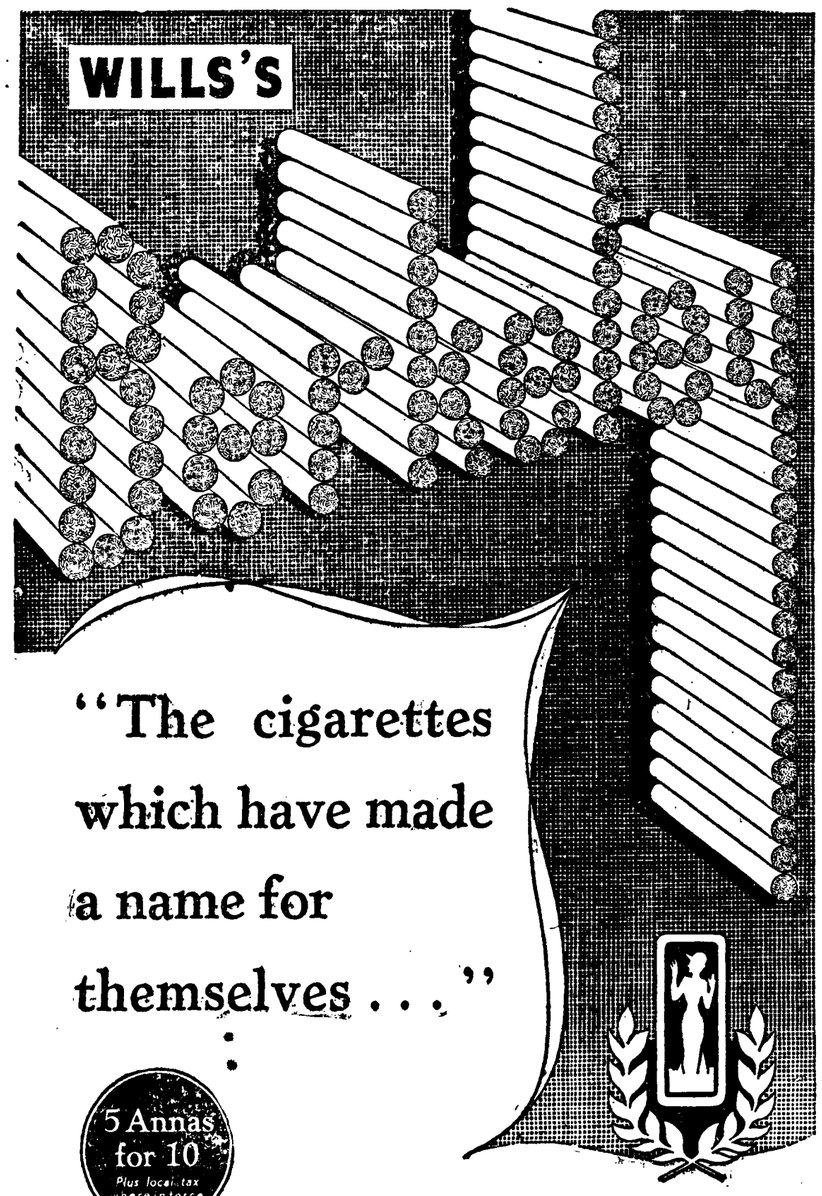

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To-day's Engagements

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "Nervous Exhaustion; Fear and Morbidity" is the subject to be taken up for consideration to-day (Friday) evening at 6-15, at Jehangir Wadia Building, opposite Flora Fountain.

RAM NAVAMI FESTIVAL, Vile Parle: Music concert by Mrs. Rama Hariharan, to-day (Friday) from 8-30 p.m. to 10-30 p.m.

BOMBAY Y.M.C.A.: Annual meeting of the Bombay Y.M.C.A. will be held in 12 Wodehouse Road at 6 p.m. to-day (Friday). Sir Francis Low, will preside.

PROGRESSIVE GROUP: Dr. Stanley Jones, eminent American lecturer, will break his journey in Bombay specially to address the Progressive Group on "Is World Government Practical Or Desirable?" to-day (Friday) at 6 p.m.

DEBATE ON PAKISTAN: Under the joint auspices of B. D. M. Federation, Muslim Students' Union, Ladies Sub-Committee, B. D. M. S. Federation, an elocution competition (in Urdu) will be held to-day (Friday) at 4-30 p.m. at Beg Muhammad Baugh on "Why we demand Pakistan?"

CINEMATOGRAPH EXHIBITORS' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA: The following office-bearers have been elected in the new Executive Committee: Mr. C. J. Desai (President), Mr. V. A. Mudholkar (Vice-President) and Mr. A. C. Patel (Hon. Treasurer).

B.P.C.C.: An urgent meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held to-day (Friday) at 6-30 p.m. at Congress House. Among the subjects to be discussed will be included the present strike of the B. E. S. T. employees and some of the draft bills of the Government of Bombay.

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 1 to-day (Friday) at 7-51 a.m. (B.T.) at the Museum (Prince of Wales) and go round with them in the Ward.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION: Resume booking all Classes Telegrams for Multan and Lahore."

SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF CHILDREN..

Annual general meeting on Sunday 30th inst. Mr. Morarji R. Desai, Minister for Home and Revenue presiding. Medallion of the late Seth Byramji Jeejebhoy will be unveiled by the President.

MONTHS EXTENSION FOR CITY BAN

The order banning the assembly of more than five persons in the City of Bombay will continue to remain in force for a further period of one month from March 30.

TODAY ON RADIO

BOMBAY—1

BOMBAY, Friday.

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Weather News For Farmers

Forecast till Saturday morning: A few light showers are likely in the Bombay Karnatak, Deccan, south Mawal and the extreme south of the Konkanpatti.

Outlook for further 2 days: A few showers in the Bombay Karnatak, Hyderabad Karnatak and Telungana.

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In honour of Mr. M. A. Master who has beeen elected President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, a tea party was given by Mr. Ratilal M. Gandhi, President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber at the office of the Chamber on Thursday evening when prominent among those present were Sir Chunilal Mehta, Sir Rahimtoola Chinoy, Seth Pranlal Deokaran Nanji and others.

Mr. Ratilal Gandhi speaking on the occasion referred to the services rendered by Mr. M. A. Master to the commercial community in this country and paid high tributes to him.

Replying, Mr. Master made a suitable speech thanking for the honour done to him.

SECTIONAL HOLIDAY FOR RATIONING OFFICES

Sunday, March 30, being a sectional holiday on account of Ramnavmi, all wards and Area Rationing Offices in Bombay City and the Suburbs, will work with a skeleton staff on that day and will do the work of acceptance of forms and the delivering of cards only.

MILK POWDER: The distribution of separated milk powder for the next fortnight for permit holders in Bombay City and the Suburbs will begin from March 31, 1947 and will continue upto April 13, 1947 (both days inclusive.)

SWAMI TO BE "BURIED ALIVE"

Demonstration Of Yogic Power At Khalsa College

The public demonstration of Yogic "Samadhi" or burial alive, which had to be postponed last week owing to the onrush of crowds, will be given by Swami Ramanand at the Khalsa College grounds on Saturday the 29th inst. The Swami will be interred at 5-30 p.m. on that day and will be disinterred at 5-30 p.m.—i.e., after 24 hours—on Sunday the 30th inst It is expected that he will come out unscathed from the ordeal because of his Yogic powers.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, March 27, (A.P.I.): Following is the daily weather chart recorded at 08.00 hours I. S. T. on March 27, 1947:—

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The dawn is breaking, know Ye what to do with the day? On morning wings how active springs the mind, that leaves the load of yesterday behind".

—Pope.

The Bombay Chronicle

ACCEPT ADJUDICATION

Today is the fifth day of the B.E.S.T. workers' strike which has subjected lakhs of people to extreme inconvenience. Yet curiously enough, none of the parties concerned, the workers, the employers and the Government has issued an authoritative statement explaining its position fully, though we have no doubt each party is anxious to win the sympathy of the public. As the workers took the initiative in the matter, they might well have at once published a self-contained statement explaining to the puzzled public why within 14 months of their last strike, ended satisfactorily by adjudication, they have suddenly started another. It has been stated generally by the workers that they demand a 50 per cent rise in wages and 50 per cent share in the goodwill money which the Company is expected to receive from the sale of the concern to the Bombay Municipal Corporation. The workers might with advantage have made out a case for the demands in a public statement. The absence of any such statement has perhaps prevented the employers from publishing their own. And the Government is perhaps unwilling to take sides publicly at this stage. The result is that the public, who suffer terrible inconvenience, are left puzzled as to why precisely they have to suffer and what they can best do to end the deadlock.

As regards the demand for a 50 per cent rise in wages it is clearly a question of detail as to why the rise should be 50 per cent and not 40 or so. The question could be best decided by an Adjudicator but the workers have begun with a sad blunder by refusing to accept adjudication. The demand for a share in the goodwill amount raises an important question of principle, apart from the percentage claimed. In the first place, one wonders why there should be any goodwill amount at all. The question of goodwill arises ordinarily when a competitive concern builds up, in face of competition, a good business and a clientele of its own. And when the concern is to be sold, naturally a consideration is claimed for the business built up and an assured clientele formed, an asset like other assets of the concern. But the B. E. S. T. Company has been virtually a monopolist concern which therefore did not need to make any special effort to build up goodwill. The people crowded into the trams and buses in spite of delays, discomforts and bad manners on the part of conductors just because the passengers had little choice in the matter. The Railway companies were not given any goodwill money when they were taken over by Government. We do not see why there should be any different policy in the present case. If, however, the Corporation is irrevocably committed to pay a goodwill amount, the question arises who are to share it. Clearly, all those who in one way or other have contributed to the working of the concern these many years are entitled to a share; the past and present directors, the past and present clerical staff, and the past and present workers—of course, speaking generally. What precisely will be the share of the present workers can be best determined by the Adjudicator.

Government has a heavy responsibility in ending this deadlock and is conscious of it. The Labour Minister, Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, strove his utmost to prevent the strike and later to have it referred to adjudication. But unfortunately the workers rejected the proposal of adjudication. We believe it is still open to the workers and the management to refer the dispute to arbitration by a person acceptable to both the parties. But if this method is not adopted and if the workers continue to object to adjudication by the Industrial Court, the choice remains only beween a trial of strength and enforced adjudication. The former alternative is beset with grave dangers, far more than those of the latter. But the Government does not seem to have made up its choice yet between the two courses. The public certainly appreciate Government's caution and restraint and its desire to resort to legal measures only when absolutely necessary. But Government cannot afford to maintain an undecided attitude indefinitely when undue delay may be dangerous. Easily the wisest way out of the deadlock is for the workers to agree to adjudication. And it behoves Government and the public alike to bend their efforts on persuading the workers to adopt this course.

Frankly Speaking

Ill-Advised Cut Motion

Wednesday's cut motions by the Muslim League Party in the Bombay Assembly included one regarding the proportion of Muslim representation in the Judicial Services. A few supporters threw the interests of other "backward" classes in for good measure but the main, very nearly the entire weight of the grievance was the position of Muslims. It was a doubly ill-advised cut motion. Government spokesmen had no difficulty in exposing how uncalled for the League accusations were. They proved by actual figures that so far from being unjustly discriminated against the proportion of Muslims in the services was twice their population ratio. There was, moreover, no intention of changing the policy represented by this favourable balance. Mr. Shamsuddin, withdrew his motion. He was wise in doing so and any way he had to do so. For, the figures were too eloquent and conclusive.

Sind Premier's Misrepresentation

But his motion was ill-advised in another sense too. He helped to throw an amazing statement made only the previous day by Mr. Ghulam Husain Hidayatullah, the Sind Premier, into a more conspicuously uncomplimentary relief. The Muslim League Government has decided to raise to 72 the percentage of Muslims in Sind Government services on the basis of their proportion in the population. Replying to criticisms in the Sind Assembly, the Premier defended the Muslim demand as legitimate and made the statement that the Government of Bombay was adopting the same policy, that is effecting representation of the Hindu majority and Muslim minority on the population basis. The figures given in the Bombay Assembly provide an adequate answer to Mr. Ghulam Husain's misrepresentation. The Sind Premier, it is quite probable, did not commit himself to this misrepresentation deliberately but he did make the statement categorically. The question is, what, in view of the statistics and assurances given in the Bombay Assembly, is Mr. Ghulam Husain Hidayatullah going to do in ordinary decency? He has, it is well-known, rather original views as regards courtesy to Opposition M.L.A's. Do those views apply to his relations with another Provincial Government? Or will he make amends?

S. A. Whites And U. N.

The outrageous racial policy of the Union Government of South Africa and the white population is now essentially a concern of the United Nations. That body will have, in the not long distant future, to do something about it not only for the sake of humanity and sacred principles of human brotherhood, but also for the sake of its own future existence. It can evade neither the issue raised by India's case nor its own responsibilities. In the meantime it is receiving an increasing accumulation of White South Africa's responses to the U. N. Assembly's resolution. The Union Government has, of course, just ignored it. But the White population has been reacting to it in pointed defiance. It takes many shapes, one of them being an intensification of the campaign against Indians, violence, economic boycott and so on in pursuance of an open declaration that they would force the Indians of South Africa to leave the Union.

Callous And Base

These activities are atrocious enough. But General Smuts' Government has, in one respect, beaten the unofficial White fanatics. An Indian lady, Mrs. Naicker, whose husband was killed in the fighting in North Africa, has been deprived of her war pension which was her sole means of livelihood because she took part in the recent civil resistance movement. Her crime constituted no more than the continuation of that struggle for human equality for which General Smuts sent her husband to the war and in which he laid down his life. It is an example of one of the basest and meanest forms of ingratitude, to which any people or Government can stoop in its moral degradation, to deprive the wife of a hero and a benefactor of her only source of income. But even that is not all. She was, she told a press representative, informed by the authorities either to starve or to go to the Congress for help. The cheapness of the gibe is excelled only by the despicable and callous cynicism displayed by the authorities. This is the Government of Field Martial Jan Smuts, the champion of democracy, the philosopher of humanity and the tear-shedding sympathiser of the victims of Nazi and Fascist tyranny.

B. E. S. T. Strike

Sir,—It will interest public to know of the colossal ignorance depicted by some of the B.E.S.T. workers over the various demands made on their behalf by their so-called leaders and the advantage taken by the latter of the same.

In the course of a friendly conversation a personal friend of mine had with an Inspector and Conductor of the B.E.S.T. these two gentlemen fully justified their demand for a 50 per cent share in the Goodwill of the Company on the ground that the Goodwill moneys represent the fines and penalties collected by the Company from time to time from the workers in the course of their employment for breach of conduct, etc. I am prepared to disclose the names of these two persons, if necessary.

I leave it to public to judge for themselves as to the merits or otherwise of the present deplorable strike which has already caused and is still causing so much suffering to them.

S. B. K.

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Sir,—It is very deplorable that the employees of the BEST Co. have gone on strike though the Company agreed to accept the award of the arbitration. The employees have lost sympathy of the public as they have preferred to strike without exploring all the means of reconciliation.

The Company and Government knew well in advance that the employees were to strike on a particular day if their demands were not met with. It was the duty of the Company and the Government to make alternative arrangements to run the transport services of the employees resorted to the last method. Both the Company and the Government have failed in their duties to the public.

If the weapon of strike is used at the cost of suffering of the public, the employees loose the support of the public. It is now the bounden duty of the Government to take the service in their hands to run the service. If they fail to do this (which should have been done as soon as the employees went on strike) Government will have failed in their duties to the public.

The employees should be finally told that the Government would not tolerate this coersion and if they do not resume work within 24 hours, an alternative arrangement will be made and the staff will not be reinstated afterwards under any circumstances.

O. T. DESAI.

Inter-Asian Conference

Sir—The Inter-Asian Relations Conference at Delhi is an event of great importance. It's significance has been recognised by all the important foreign press and its proceedings are watched with great interest all over the world. However it must be admitted that even the people in India are not given an adequate opportunity to follow the proceedings intelligently. For example, the speech of Maulna Azad on the occasion of the opening of the Arts Exhibition is reported only in parts by the Press. It is deplorable that such an opportunity to educate the people is lost.

The A. I. R. gives hours for commentary on cricket matches but only half an hour is given to the important Conference and that too only in English. Everyday we have B. B. C. News relay from LONDON. May I ask the Sardar whether the Asian Conference proceedings are relayed for the benefit of England? The inaugural speech of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was not even fully broadcast for the Indian Listeners. Why this inefficiency and indifference?

Gandhiji is expected shortly to address the Inter-Asian Relations Conference at Delhi. May I request Sardar Patel, and Pandit Nehru to arrange for relay throughout the world?—Yours, etc.

D. G. TENDULKAR

ADIWASI INQUIRY

M. P. C. C. Committee Submits Report

(From Our Correspondent)

DAHANU, March 27

The Warli Enquiry Committee appointed by Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee to investigate and report on conditions of Warlis in Thana District has prepared its detailed report, which will be placed before the meeting of M.P.C.C. to be held at Mulund in Thana District on March 29.

It is reported that Mr. Shankerrao More, prominent member of the Warli Committee, has recommended release of all Warli detenus' withdrawal of all Externment Orders and repeal of "State of Emergency."

The Committee contacted several Adiwasis workers of Adiwasi Sewa Mandal and Kisan Sabha some social workers and officials.

The report is anxiously awaited by the landlords as well as by other interested persons.

ATRE ON SCENE

Acharya P. K. Atre and Mr. Anant Kaneker, two prominent Marathi writers and journalists accompanied by two more reporters of "Nawayug", Marathi weekly, arrived at Dahanu by car on Tuesday evening. On their way they visited several villages and met a number of Adiwasis and saw the working of forest coupes and charcoal kilns and proceeded yesterday to Umbergaon to contact landlords and workers of the Adiwasi Sewa Mandal. They will visit a group of select villages in that taluka. Mr. Shamrao Patil, President of the Thana District Congress Committee guided the tourists.

Interviewed Acharya Atre said:—"Adiwasis really look more intelligent than other aborigines. I have met so far. Let me see more of them it is too premature to jump to hasty conclusions."

FREE EDUCATION UPTO SEVENTH CLASS IN NIZAM'S DOMINIONS

HYDERABAD (Deccan), March 27. (A.P.I.): Nawab Ali Yaver Jung Bahadur, Education Minister, Nizam's Government at a press conference today stated that Government had decided that education upto the seventh class should be free and this would take effect from the beginning of the ensuing academic year i.e. from June, 1947. He also stated that Government had revised the scales of pay of school teachers and would now range between Rs. 40 and 300 a month.

BOMB EXPLODES IN NUERNBERG CAMP OFFICE

NUERNBERG, March 27. (U.P.A.): Army officials reported today that a bomb exploded last night in the Nuernberg office of Frederick Isner, German Jewish Chief of the Camp for Jewish persons.

Investigators said the bomb apparently was tossed through an office window but caused no casualties and only slight damage.

Bombay Assembly Passes All Demands For Grants

Morarji On Govt.'s Efforts To End Law's Delays: Cut Motions Withdrawn

After twelve days of debate the Bombay Legislative Assembly passed all the demands for grants moved under various heads and even under no specific heads, on Thursday.

There was a feeble debate on Law's delays, village roads and some forest problems, before the allotted time was up and the remaining cut motions were guillotined. And after that it was a matter of minutes. Each Minister rose in his seat and asked for such grants as he had not already put forward during the last twelve days. Just once a loud voiced member from the Muslim League benches shouted an impressive 'No'. For the rest it was a chorus of 'Yes' and the budget as presented by the Finance Minister was finally approved—except for a few supplementary grants which come up tomorrow.

DETAILS OF DEBATE

Discussion on the two cut motions moved yesterday by Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin to discuss the delay caused in the administration of justice was resumed today when the House reassembled. Speaking on the motions Mr. A. H. Mirza narrated a number of factors responsible for the delay, including the coming of judges and magistrates to the courts not in time, then sitting late in the evening, writing petty judgments in the courts, adjournment of cases, absence of uninterested witnesses on the day required in the court and putting of irrelevant questions to witnesses by lawyers. Mr. Mirza said that he admitted that to a great extent lawyers were also responsible for this delay but Government must also see that the dispensation of justice was expedited.

Mr. A. S. Gandhi quoting the proverb that 'delay was denial of justice' said that the Civil Procedure Code was mainly responsible for the delay. It was an extremely cumbersome procedure and should be replaced by some other procedure.

MORARJI'S REPLY

Mr. Morarji Desai expressing sympathy for the sentiments voiced by the members said that delay in the disposal of cases, both in the criminal and civil courts, had no doubt become proverbial and during recent years it had assumed scandalous proportions. But the delay, he said, was largely caused by lawyers in seeking convenience for themselves without taking into consideration quick disposal of cases. Ultimately magistrates were also responsible for it. It was the duty of the judges to see that no delay was caused on this account. His experience of 12 years as a magistrate showed that lawyers were unfavourably disposed to the quick disposal of cases.

The High Court had given instructions to civil judges that as far as possible cases should not be adjourned merely for the sake of convenience of lawyers. Government had also issued instructions to District Magistrates and Additional Magistrates to the same effect.

Eradication of delay would take sometime. Government would, however, in the course of the next two years or so try to see that there was no delay in the administration of justice.

Mr. Desai expressed his dissent with the view that the Civil Procedure Code was mainly responsible for the delay. It could be used in a manner that no room was left for delay. Manipulation to achieve this result rested in the hands of the judges.

GETTING WITNESSES TO ATTEND

Referring to the absence of uninterested witnesses in criminal cases, Mr. Desai said that Government were seeing that if witnesses did not come then warrants would be issued making their presence compulsory. Government were also seeing that judges and magistrates attended the courts in time. Other factors responsible for delay were also being attended to.

Mofussil areas had not escaped the attention of Government. A committee had been already appointed to report on the separation of Executive and Judicial jurisdiction. On the preparation of the report Government would arrive at a definite decision and if some legislation was required, it would be brought up in the House at the next session.

Sitting accommodation for witnesses and visitors would be provided in the courts and offices and orders to this effect had been issued.

"BETTER WAY"

With regard to Mr. Mirza's complaint about the judges writing petty judgments in the courts, Mr. Desai said that these judges should be congratulated for it. If they were given a day off for this purpose that would all the more add to the delay. It was a better way of writing judgments. It ensured prompt disposal of cases.

The suggestion that Government ought to see that the Evidence Act was adhered to by the judges, Mr. Desai said, meant undue interference by Government with the courts. Avoidance of irrelevant questions was in the hands mainly of lawyers. One lawyer used evidence in a way that it was difficult for the judge to curtail the number of questions by the other lawyer on it. Here lawyers could best help themselves.

Mr. Desai gave the assurance that Government were more particular to see that the administration of justice was carried out properly and efficiently and, therefore, were taking steps to see that unnecessary delay was not caused on any account.

The cut motion was withdrawn.

THIRD CUT MOTION

A third cut motion was moved by Mr. B. B. Chakranarayan to discuss the policy underlying the appointments to judicial and magisterial posts. In the first place, he contended that the only appointing authority should be the High Court. Secondly, subordinate judges should not be eligible for district and sessions judges. Subordinate judges had a cadre of their own and they should stop there. Recruitment to these higher posts should be from the members of the bar. Candidates for the posts of subordinate judges should have a good standing of 10 years and for those of district and sessions judges of 15 years.

Replying to the discussion Mr. Desai said that he could not agree to the sweeping statements made by the mover of the motion. Mr. Desai described in detail the present system of recruitment and promotion. He also explained the practical difficulties in recruiting to these services members of the bar with 10 and 15 years standing.

The cut motion was withdrawn.

DEMAND FOR CIVIL WORKS

A demand for Rs. 3,12,77,000 under the head 'Civil Works' was the next on the list for debate. The cuts were moved and withdrawn, one by Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin to raise a general discussion on road development and the other by Mr. S. A. Dange to criticise an allotment of Rs. 45,00,000 for import of machinery from abroad.

Mr. Shamsuddin bewailed the lot of the Kanara District which was neglected in the matter of road development. Mr. S. L. Karandikar added that all sea coast districts were in a similar plight.

Dr. M. D. D. Gilder said that the present government gave priority to village water supply over roads. Even so the Post-War Reconstruction programme had provided for an expense of 5.66 crores for road development in addition to an expected three crores from the funds of the Central Government on account of trunk roads. But for the present the building programme was limited by the non-availability of materials, labour and technical personnel. For the next year they had only a small programme of Rs. 30 lakhs; but he thought they would be able to complete it and take up further work.

Mr. Dange drew attention to a sum of Rs. 45 lakhs allotted for import of road-making machinery from abroad and pointed out that a good deal of machinery obtained from surplus stores was being advertised for sale by certain commercial firms.

HONOURING OLD ORDER

Dr. Gilder said that by May, 1945, a year before the present Ministry took charge orders for machinery worth Rs. 86 lakhs had been registered with the Government of India. After they assumed office, they had cancelled the orders in all those cases where machinery could be obtained in India and no orders had been placed with firms. But during the next year Rs. 45 lakhs worth of machinery already ordered was arriving and they had to take it.

A number of cut motions on various subjects were waived to enable Mr. A R. Kuwari to move a cut to the grant of Rs. 81,09,000 under the head 'Forests'. Mr. Kuwari just succeeded in making two points, better training for staff of Forest Department and better salaries for forest guards, before the time for debate was up. There could, therefore, be no reply.

'RESPECT FREEDOM OF MINORITIES'

Gandhiji's Warning To Hindus Of Bihar

JAHANABAD, March 27 (UPI): Addressing a prayer meeting here last evening Mahatma Gandhi sounded a note of warning to the people that if they went on quarrelling among themselves and tried to kill each other for wrongs done by people in other parts of the country, then their freedom would be lost and they would remain slaves as before.

This was Gandhiji's first prayer speech in the village of Jahanabad, about 40 miles from Patna where he began yesterday the third stage of his tour in Bihar.

Continuing Gandhiji said that if they really wanted to be free and enjoy the real fruits of freedom, then their foremost duty should be to see that the freedom of others was not snatched away. The people who wanted to snatch away the freedom minorities living among them could never claim to be free.

Exhorting the Hindus of Bihar Gandhiji said that they must go to the houses of Muslims to rebuild them and request them to come over to their old houses. They should assure the Muslims that they would all live in future in peace and the Muslims' life and property would remain safe.

Gandhiji also stated that his mission to Bihar was a mission of "do or die." He was here to serve both the communities and see that the mission succeeded. If he could not, he wished to die in the achievement of his mission.

MUSLIMS MEET GANDHIJI

Some members of the Jahanabad Muslim Relief Committee headed by its President, Mr. Azarul Haque, met Gandhiji last evening and presented him with one comprehensive report on the disturbances in Jahanabad.

Viet Nam Delegates Debunk President's Death Reports

"French Out To Set Up Puppet Govt." Message Of Greetings Handed Over To Jawahar

NEW DELHI, March 27. (A. P. I.): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in an interview this morning said that he would have liked to see Japan represented at the Asian Relations Conference, but he would not make any representations to General MacArthur or any other authorities over non-attendance of Japanese delegates invited to be present at the Conference. It was a "general rule" he said, that the Japanese were not allowed to leave their country at present for such purposes, and added, "it is not as if any exception was made in the case of this particular Conference".

There is wide divergence of opinion among delegates over the question as to whether or not the Japanese should have been present at the Conference, and the value of their participation, a section holding that the absence of Japan—"the most advanced of Asian countries"—detracts from the fully representative character of the Asian Relations Conference.

LATEST ARRIVALS

Latest arrivals at the Conference are M. Tran Van Giau, former President of Viet Nam Resistance Committee in Cochin China and now Commander of Viet Nam War Zone and Doctor Tran Van Luan, Deputy, Viet Nam National Assembly. These delegates this morning handed over a message from Doctor Ho Chi Minh, President, Viet Nam Republic. "It was a personal message of greeting and thanks", said Tran Van Giau who debunked reports of Dr. Ho Chi Minh's death. "I spoke to him less than a month ago", he said. "Elements within the French Government are propagating these reports of his death because they are not prepared to reopen negotiations with our President", he added.

The Viet Namese delegates are also carrying a message from Dr. Ho Chi Minh to be delivered to the Conference.

It is a secret how the Viet Namese delegates got from Cochin China to Bangkok where they were held up for several weeks waiting for their accreditation from the seat of Ho Chi Minh's Government last known to be "somewhere near Hanoi", and their visa clearance. Tran Van Giau said, that getting papers from his Government involved the crossing of many French lines and disclosed that two messengers were killed trying to get through. "Then there was the passport difficulty", Tran Van Giau said. "We finally got over this by applying to the British Consulate in Bangkok. The British wired to Delhi and got us authorisation to proceed to the Conference".

FRENCH PLAN FOR PUPPET GOVT.

The Viet Namese delegates do not believe that a Franco-Viet Namese settlement in Indo-China can be reached in the near future. "On the contrary, the French want to set up a Puppet Government to resume negotiations with puppets", Tran Van Giau said. "We hold nine-tenths of Cochin China and the French sponsored Government there has no backing from the Viet Namese. We are both natives of Cochin-China and we do not want any separate Republic of Cochin-China.

"The Viet Namese delegates flew in a K.L.M. plane to Calcutta and caught another plane last night for Delhi. They had half an hour's talk with Pandit Nehru this morning.

REPORT ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ADOPTED

At this evening's plenary session of the Inter-Asian Conference, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru welcomed the newly arrived Philippine, Mongolian and Viet Nam delegates. A member from each delegation replied and conveyed to the Conference his greetings and expressed his confidence in its success.

The Conference then adopted the report of the Group on Cultural Affairs.

The report referred to the need for the development of scientific research in Asia and, after paying tribute to Western achievements in the scientific field, warned the Conference against Asia being tied to the apron strings of Europe.

Asia, it pointed out, possessed the necessary materal and psychological resources to carry out first class scientific research.

Other points brought out in the report in this connection were that countries like Burma, which have been ravaged by war, had little scientific equipment left, and that it was necessary that scientific research should be related to questions of food, health, satitation and thus contribute to the raising of the standard of living of the masses.

The report emphasised the importance of removing illiteracy from Asian countries and the necessity for increasing facilities for both child and adult education.

History should be re-written, the report said, on rational and human lines.

MAJORITY VOTE FOR JAP. PARTICIPATION

NEW DELHI, March 27 (API.) The consensus of opinion of majority of delegates to the Inter-Asian conference was that Japan could participate in this conference, as it was of a non-political nature. Out of leaders of a number of delegations interviewed, only one was definitely of the opinion that the Japanese should not participate in the conference.

The leader of the Philippine Delegation Mr. Anestacio De Castro said "for the time being, it is better that the Japanese should not be here. We cannot so quickly forget the atrocities they committed on our people."

All the other leaders were of the opinion that as Japan was an Asian country, there was no sound reason why Japanese delegates should be excluded. Dr. Burhannuddin, Leader of the Malayan delegation summed up the general attitude. "We should start this conference with a clean slate. It is an Asian conference and Japan is an Asian country."

Mr. Mustafa Momen leader of the Egyptian delegation was very emphatic and pointed out that Japanese delegations had been allowed to go to America. He felt that the absence of the Japanese might later be used as an excuse for saying that the Asian Relations Conference had not been fully representative.

Some other leaders of delegations interviewed were those from the Soviet Republics, China, Afghanistan, Siam and Viet-Nam who favoured Japanese participation.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

MOSCOW, March 27 (APA).—The Foreign Ministers' Conference, midway through the third week of its sessions, presented today a gloomy picture.

The representatives of the world's four greatest powers were bogging down all along the line over minor as well as major issues in their efforts to solve the German peace problem and complete treaty for Austria.

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The B.E.S.T. workers' chief is reported to have said in an interview that "the next move must come from Government."

An announcement withdrawing the offer of arbitration?

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Sir B. L. Mitter, Baroda's Dewan and one of its representatives to the Constituent Assembly has declared that Baroda stands for a strong Centre, that it has decided to join the Indian Union and that it is not going to set up an independent State.

This is Letting Down the PRINCELY ORDER, it is Desertion, Betrayal, Treason. Sir B. L. Mitter is—we have lost our breath.

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According to a press report of an interview given by him at New Delhi, Sir C. P. Ramaswamy made it clear that he would gladly surrender his claim for Travancore's independence as soon as a strong Central Government was set up in India. And "I shall be prepared even to join a confederation of Madras Presidency, Mysore and Cochin if a move is set afoot for taking such a step in case India has to carry on with a very weak Centre for appeasing the Muslim League."

Amen!

We hope the Press report is not—er—re-interpreted.

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Eighty Muslims League members of the Bengal Legislature are reported to have signed a statement urging the necessity of reshuffling the present Bengal Ministry.

We have never believed that Madras had a monopoly of—er—er—dynamic politics.

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Replying to the last week of March to the Congress invitation sent in the first week, the Muslim League is stated to have advised the Congress that its invitation would be considered at the next meeting of its Working Committee.

About the second or third week of April?

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Defending the Sind Government's decision to raise the percentage in services of the majority Muslim community to 73, Mr. Ghulam Husain Hidayatullah said that it was legitimate to ask for share in the services on a population basis and that "the Congress Ministry in Bombay was pursuing such a policy."

If Sir John Colville were to take up with Sir Francis Mudie the matter of Mr. Ghulam Husain's calm misrepresentation would the Sind Governor give a go-away-and-don't-come-back sort of reply?

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At the Inter-Asian Conference on Wednesday there was, says the A.P.I., a breezy exchange of words by a number of delegates to include in the report on racial problems a specific recommendation to the Governments concerned.

We must admit our inability to see the point of the joke.

LEAGUE FOR EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION

LONDON, March 27 (UPA) British reports today disclosed the formation of a League for European Co-operation. The League would consist of a Central Council and National Committees in the principal countries of the world. Van Zeeland former Premier of Belgium, reportedly has accepted the presidency of the Central Council, and a Congress to be held in Luxembourg next June has been organized.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Admiral Sir Walter Cowan left Government House.

The Governor of Bombay presided over a meeting of the Council of Ministers at the Secretariat.

JINNAH SEES CATASTROPHE IF INDIA REMAINS UNITED!

League Boss Demands Pakistan With Transfer Of Population

BOMBAY, Thursday.

An emphatic reiteration of the view that Pakistan and Pakistan alone would solve India's political problems was made by Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, speaking here this afternoon.

The occasion was a tea party given in his honour by the Memon Chamber of Commerce.

"A United India will only result in bloodshed and destruction" the Qaid-e-Azam declared.

"Do not be carried away by dreams. Let us be practical. Let us agree to divide. It is better to divide and flourish rather than be united and destroy everything" Mr. Jinnah said.

"Pakistan and Hindustan will live as friendly neighbours and will show to the world that India is for Indians and not for outsiders."

EXCHANGE OF POPULATION

Referring to the unfriendly relations existing to-day between the two major communities in India, Mr. Jinnah stated that exchange of population was the only solution. He said that both Hindus and Muslims strongly felt its need to-day. Gandhiji himself had recently agreed to the idea.

The League leader made it clear that nobody would be compelled to leave a Muslim majority area, and gave an assurance that all would receive justice in Pakistan.

"Fighting for Pakistan means fighting for the freedom of India" the speaker said.

WHO STARTED THE GAME

"Let me tell you who brought this idea into our head. It is the British. What does it matter to the British if India is divided or not divided. Why should they bother? Why are they encouraging hopes against hopes and offer a few Fascist-minded Congressmen the leadership of the country? But why should they go about talking of a United India? Because—they know it better than Indians do—therein lies their salvation. The British know that so long as it is insisted that India is one, there will be nothing but destruction and bloodshed. This has been the idea of Britain and while leaving the country she is inspiring the armed camp."

To-day the Mussalmans stand as a united sovereign nation, fully prepared to make any sacrifices for Pakistan. And we shall establish it. There is no other way. Pakistan is coming nearer and nearer. Therefore, let us now call for a truce and let us agree on Pakistan. It is better to divide and flourish than to be united and destroy everything. There is no other alternative. United India will only result in destruction. Why should there be destruction? The answer is very simple. United India can only mean the rule of one nation over another. United India means three Hindu votes and one Muslim vote. Thus, one nation with a brute majority will rule and inflict its own ideals on another nation.

FORCE WON'T DO

"I ask you if a union is forced, can it result in any thing else but clash. Forcing a union in India will result only in chaos, but a divided India will be able to create stable and secure Governments for both Hindus and Muslims. Therefore I ask, why this destruction, this controversy between Mussalmans and Hindus. Pakistan and Hindustan will live in the most friendly way.

Mr. Jinnah characterised as absurd the oft-repeated assertion that the Muslims were a minority. He referred to the per centage of Muslim majority in the Frontier and asked them to consider if such a majority could be called in any sense a minority community.

Mr. Jinnah said that he had been considering various plans for the welfare and prosperity of Muslims—in respect of education, economics and social welfare.

EMULATE TATAS

Addressing the business community among the Mussalmans, Mr. Jinnah said there was no other way for their progress but to organise themselves economically. He said that in the past they neglected their affairs and lived in a world of their own. He urged them to emulate the pioneering efforts of Tata's and start industrial and educational institutions for the benefit of Mussalmans, their social, educational and economic and political uplift.

Mr. Jinnah referred to the exchange of population now being talked of in the country. He mentioned Mahatma Gandhi's reply to questioners at Noakhali and Tipperah two weeks ago. "Answering two questions Mr. Gandhi said that he was agreeable to exchange of population. When I suggested this it was considered a crime."

Mr. Jinnah here referred to his talks with Mahatma Gandhi in September, 1944, and the correspondence exchanged between them. "It was Mr. Gandhi," Mr. Jinnah said, "who first raised the point. I have been, after due deliberation saying that exchange of population is necessary and it has to be done. It can be done. It cannot be done by a private organisation.

Mr. Jinnah concluded by exhorting the people to remember the seriousness of the situation. He said: "We are face to face with a serious situation, which requires immediate solution. If we fail, remember the consequences—I cannot describe it—will be catastrophic."

Earlier, Mr. Al Haj Ebrahim Motiwala, President of the Memon Chamber of Commerce, who welcomed Mr. Jinnah, said that the business community would be ready at any time, as before, to respond to the call of the Muslim League.

U. S. NOT TO BAN COMMUNISTS?

WASHINGTON, March 27 (APA): Congressional action to outlaw the Communist Party at present appeared unlikely to-day following Herbert Hoover's "grave doubts" of the wisdom of such action.

Representative Richard M. Nixon (Republican, California) told reporters that the House Committee on un-American Activities must "give a great deal of weight to Mr. Hoover's views" and implied there will be no bill banning Communists.

Hoover told the Committee: "I would hate to see a group, not deserving the category of martyrs, made martyrs by some law which might later be declared unconstitutional."

Hoover added: Communism in reality is not a political party—its an evil, malignant way of life."

VEDIC MYTHOLOGY

Astronomy As An Aid To Research

Under the auspices of the Bombay branch of the Royal Asiatic Society Kumarshri Anakachandra of Bhayavadar recently delivered a lecture in the hall of the Physics Department of the Royal College of Science, Bombay, on "Truths of Vedic Religion based on Astronomy." His Highness the Rajasaheb of Aundh presided on the occasion.

By means of a number of photographs and other illustrations of nabulae, star-groups and other stellar bodies, projected on the screen with the aid of an epidiascope, the lecturer sought to demonstrate what in his opinion constituted remarkable resemblances between the Vedic conceptions of deities like Vishnu, Shiva, Brahma, and so on and the actual appearances of certain stellar bodies, singly or collectively. In the lecturer's opinion, the descriptions one finds in the Rigveda and other Vedic literature of gods and goddesses, which date back to the third or even older millennia, were nothing but descriptions of particular stellar groups, nebulae and so on as actually witnessed by the Rishis of those hoary days. In certain cases pointed out by the lecturer the apparent resemblance was indeed striking.

Before concluding his lecture Kumarshri Anakachandra appealed for a closer study of Vedic literature in the light of modern astronomy and for the study of pure astronomy as distinguished from astrology.

The Rajasaheb of Aundh paid a warm tribute to the zeal and scholarship of the lecturer and endorsed the latter's appeal for the study of Vedic astronomy.

A vote of thanks to the Rajasaheb was proposed by Mahamahopadhyaya Kane, Vice-President of the B. B. R. A. S., who referred to the Rajasaheb's own scholarship and munificent patronage of scholarship.

POSTAL HOLIDAY: Friday, the 4th April, 1947, will be a Post and Telegraph holiday on account of "Good Friday". All Departments of the Bombay G.P.O and the T.S.Os including telegraph branches of the combined offices will observe on that day the same working hours as on Sundays.

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NO "QUIT INDIA FOR PAKISTAN" BUDGET

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would have said that the Finance Member never responded to what they said but wanted to push his proposals through as his predecessors used to do.

Instead of appreciating his meeting the point of view of members of the House to a certain extent, he was being blamed for having done a right thing (laughter).

INCREASE IN SUPER-TAX RATE

Sir Cowasji Jehangir and Mr. Vadilal Lallubhai said that the increased Super-tax rate was much higher than it was in England, there the maximum was reached at £20,000 and here the maximum in the case of unearned income would be reached at Rs. 1,20,000.

The Finance Member submitted that a man who was getting an income of Rs. 1,20,000 in India was better off than a man who was getting an income of £20,000 in England. In dealing with the question, they had to take into consideration the wages of the people in that particular country. In England the wages of an average man amounted to Rs. 270 to Rs. 280 a month, while in India the highest wage was about Rs. 60 a month.

If they were to calculate on that basis they would find that the maximum in India should have been reached at Rs. 60,000 and not at Rs. 1,20,000. He had been more than generous to his friends when he had put the limit at Rs. 1,20,000, and it was no use their comparing it with the income in England at £20,000

INVESTIGATION COMMISSION

He was fully aware of the importance of finding the best people for the proposed Investigation Commission, men with knowledge and experience and, what was more, with great integrity and honesty because unless they had members of that type the Commission would not only do no good but it would do a lot of harm. He was sure that India would be able to produce three men with those qualification.

Referring to criticism of zonal planning, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan said that he was not talking of zonal planning on the basis of Muslim majorities or Hindu majorities. He was talking of zonal planning on the basis of economic zones, like the Indus valley, the Ganges valley, the Brahamputra valley zone and the Damodar valley. "Unfortunately, the trouble is that the moment you talk about something, my friends feel that we are really going to get Pakistan.

AN HONEST EFFORT

"They see Pakistan in zonal planning. If I present a Budget which, according to me, is a Budget based on principles which I believe India should follow, they say, here is Pakistan. This fellow is ruining the finance of this country and going to Pakistan'. I wish members would really look at these problems not from that angle. I can assure you that as long as I hold this portfolio, I shall discharge my duty and this trust with honest. I shall not use the powers which I have for destroying one community or another (loud cheers), because I feel that that would be a most dishonest act for anyone holding a position of trust and responsibility".

The Finance Member said that in the next three or four days he hoped to introduce a Bill to amend Sections 40 and 41 of the Reserve Bank Act.

Mr. Manu Subedar had said that no previous Finance Member had ever imposed such heavy direct taxation as the present Finance Member had done. This, said Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, was natural "because every previous Finance Member was interested in capitalism and capitalists (hear, hear), because whenever any of my predecessors had to levy a tax, he had to think not only of the Indian industrialists but he had to think of my friends Mr. F. Griffith and others over there" (European Group).

"Therefore, all the burden during those years was put on the back of the poor man (hear, hear). I want to put the burden where it should be put and take off the load from the back of those poor people who have carried this burden for hundreds of years in this country. Some of my friends have said quite rightly that I have not been able to remove some of the excise duties. Nothing would have given me greater pleasure than to do that but, surely, I am not a magician, you do not allow me to tax the rich and you want me to remove the burden on the poor

"I do not know of any method by which I could just create money. Of course I have got the Nasik Press (laughter) and I can go on creating money but then you have got to suffer for that also. Therefore, I do not propose to follow that policy."

DUTY OF PROVINCES

As regards the proposal made by Mr. Nauman and supported by Mr. Nazimuddin, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan said that if any province sent a request to the Government of India for financial help to rehabilitate those poor victims of communal frenzy and communal riots "which have brought disgrace on the whole of India", Government would examine every request with sympathy and on merit (cheers).

B.P.T., A FAIR TAX

As regards the suggestion that E. P. T. would have given more money than the Business Profits Tax, the Finance Member said, "If my original estimate of 30 crores from the Business Profits Tax was going to paralyse industry, then E.P.T. at a higher figure must paralyse it more. All these vocal sections amongst these big industrialists got off lightly on E.P.T. and it is the smaller industries, the newly started industries, which have suffered more on account of E.P.T. and it is these smaller industries and newly started industries which will benefit more on account of this Business Profits Tax.

He decided to introduce the B.P.T. because he was convinced that it was a fairer tax and its incidence was more equitable than the incidence of E.P.T.

Mr. Griffiths had asked whether as a result of the Finance Member's proposals, people might not find it more profitable to invest in Government paper than to invest in industry and take the risks involved for getting two and half per cent. If people invested in Government paper, the Finance Member said, surely the State had to start industries if this proved to be the case, then Government would have to utilise the services of these big industrialists and establish industry, said the Finance Member. If Mr. Griffiths could work for some industrialist, why could he not work for Government

Mr. Griffiths: It is far too cumbersome to do anything quickly and efficiently.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan: I entirely agree with my friend that that has been the position in the past. I hope the state of the future would be different. And if that is not the position, if capitalism in this country has come to stay for all time to come, well then, god help this country.

As a matter of fact, he did not for a moment believe that all our industrialists were merely mercenaries.

"I am convinced, said the Finance Member," that my taxation proposals will not injure industry in any way. I am convinced that the policy of taxation which I have adopted, whatever may be the theories in books and by economic experts is the correct policy for this country.

Jawahar's New Approach To Frontier Problems

NEW DELHI, March 27 (API): The Central Assembly to-day continued the debate on the Finance Bill.

Khan Mohd. Yamin Khan, deplored the controversy following the Select Committee's report and denied the allegations made in certain quarters that the imposition of the B.P.T. was a retaliation to the United Provinces measure against the Zamindars.

Mr. Manu Subedar (Congress) congratulated the Finance Member on the compromise and said that a certain section of the press had grossly exaggerated the differences. He disapproved of the Finance Member's approach to planning. If the Government persisted in their present attitude the result would be a premature scramble from the sectional or regional point of view. There were issues of common interest to the whole country such as the Railways, Irrigation and Damoder Valley project, which Government should have examined.

Mr. Subedar said that the present Finance Member had given the largest dose of direct taxation than any other previous Finance Member had done. There had been the usual underestimate of revenues. He had computed that on the basis of fifty crores of profits the Capital Gains Tax would yield seventeen crores and not two crores. He asked what happened to the twenty crores which Government got as a result of demonetising one thousand rupee notes.

FRONTIER POLICY

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Member for External Affairs, replying to Khan Abdul Ghani Khan's remarks on the Frontier policy, said that free India could not approach the Frontier on the same terms as the British Government had done in the past. "It simply cannot be done, whether we like it or not. We have to approach them in a frienly and co-operative way. If there is trouble we have to approach them in a friendly and co-operative way. If there is trouble we have to put it down with a strong hand; nevertheless, our whole approach was to be friendly and co-operative and not based on hush money and the like but rather on spending money on removing their economic difficulties and improving their standards."

The Frontier problem was something bigger than that of individuals. "It is a problem created largely by British policy in the last hundred years or so. The merit of that policy is a big question and there have been various schools of thought in regard to it.

"We do not wish to interfere in any way in regard to the life of these tribal areas, that is to say we do not wish to impose anything on them against their will," said Pandit Nehru. "We want to leave them as free as possible to live their own lives as they like. At the same time we do not want them to interfere with the lives of others in the adjoining areas. We have to find an equilibrium between the two, and we have to look at this in the larger context of defence.

He thought the time had come not only in the Frontier but elsewhere when we should not think it terms of the tribal chiefs or the upper classes but rather of the common man and the mass of the people and any policy that was evolved should take into consideration the raising of the mass level. If that was done, we would have dealt with the situation in a radical and more or less permanent way.

CHANGING PRESENT SET-UP

The whole question had to be considered as to how to introduce a new policy and to change the present set-up so as to fit in with that new policy. In the next month or two the Advisory Committee appointed by the Constituent Assembly would probably study the problem and afterwards they might desire to go to the areas concerned merely in a exploratory way to meet people there, discuss the matter with them and then possibly report. For the present, all that he could say was that Government welcomed the House taking interest in this matter but he did not himself see what big changes they could suddenly introduce at this moment, although those big changes were necessary.

Dr. G. V. Deshmukh speaking for the constituency of Bombay which paid nearly fifty per cent of the total income-tax revenue to the Central Government, said the Finance Member's proposals would make capital shy, interfere with production and industry.

Mr. Deshmukh concluded by saying that with a capitalist economy, you could not have socialist or communist ways of taxation in the country.

Mr. F. J. Griffiths, leader of the Opposition, said, "We consider the proposals in many respects unsound."

"We support this taxation proposals because we believe the Finance Member is going to be resolute—it will be the first time Government has ever been resolute in this particular matter—in his war against tax dodgers.

There is nothing I can think of which would do more harm to the prestige, to the influence, to the power of this country in the world at large than the spectacle of the first Finance Bill to be introduced by an Indian Finance Member being thrown out in this House. I would have regarded such action as nothing short of treachery to the country in which I live. I shall still endeavour to convince the Finance Member to the very last not to take this unwise action but if he persists, I will not be a party to going into the lobby against the first Finance Bill of an Indian Finance Member."

After the Finance Member's reply the House adjourned till to-morrow.

U.N.O. Sets Up Machinery For Handling Palestine Problem

Secretary General's Revelation Before Leaving New York For Oslo

NEW YORK, March 27 (APA). Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, left by air for Oslo today.

Before leaving Lie said that machinery for handling one of the biggest problems—Palestine—was already established and that he did not think his absence would affect this or other questions to come before the organisation.

Terrorist Attack On Tel Aviv Police Car

JERUSALEM, March 27 (Reuter). Jewish terrorists today attacked a police car outside the Divisional Police Headquarters at Tel Aviv.

A British policeman was shot and wounded in the car.

Terrorists threw a bomb at two police cars and at the same time opened up with rifle fire. A British police sergeant leapt from an armoured car, threw himself flat on the street and returned the fire. Three Jewish terrorists escaped in the direction of the water front.

Alarm sirens heralded this first move by the terrorists after the rejection by the British Privy Council in London of the petition to appeal against the death sentence imposed on the terrorist Dov Gruner.

Fearing reprisals, British Army and Royal Air Force men had been confined to barracks as a precaution against kidnapping.

FRESH APPEAL TO SAVE GRUNER

The condemned man's sister, Mrs. Helen Friendman, has instructed her lawyers to lodge a fresh appeal in her name in a new effort to save her brother from execution.

Troops guarding Jerusalem's fortified zone have been doubled.

CHEAPER AND MORE CEMENT

Govt. Plan To Double Production In Five Years

NEW DELHI, March 27, (A.P.I.): The Central Government have planned to double the production of Cement in India by 1952. The present capacity for production is about 30,00,000 tons a year.

The expansion envisaged is planned on the basis of regions comprising one or more provinces and states grouped according to the availability of raw materials such as limestone, coal and water and the anticipated demand for cement. The aim is to make cement available to the public in adequate quantity at the cheapest rate.

It is expected that by 1952, 19 new cement factories will be set up and that out of the 23 existing ones, 15 will be expanded. Additional production capacity allotted is as follows: Madras, 5,30,000 tons; Punjab and Bihar, 4,50,000 tons each; Sind, 2,50,000 tons; Assam, 1,75,000 tons; Bengal, 1,20,000 tons; Bombay 4,00,000 tons; U.P. and C.P. 1,00,000 tons each and Indian States 80....8,80,000 tons.

It is estimated that the civil demand for cement in 1952 would amount to 40,00,000 tons and that the construction of dams and other projects would require over 10,00,000 tons.

Expansion and construction of new units is now proceeding according to Plan. Up to February 1947, licences have been given for 27 units. Orders have been placed in India and in the U.K., Demark, and U.S.A. for cement machinery in respect of 21 units.

"CONGRESS BELONGS TO ALL"

Gandhiji's Address At Jahanabad Prayer Meeting

JAHANABAD (Gaya), March 26, (A.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi addressing a prayer gathering here this evening said that the Congress belonged to all and for it there was no question whether one was a Hindu, Muslim, Sikh or Parsi. To the Congress everything was for Hindusthan and for all it did, it was explainable to the people.

The Mahatma said this instancing how the Muslim League, like Congress, had grown wider in country. He also referred to the day of his arrival in Patna where three Muslim League members met him and invited him to visit Jahanabad. They, Mahatma said, had belonged to the Congress before, and there were many who were in Congress and later joined the Muslim League, thus making it a large organisation. Mahatma Gandhi wondered why then there should be so much conflict between the two.

He then recounted how he happened to be staying here today in an inspection bungalow, and not with Muslims who had invited him to stay with them. In this connection Mahatma said that he was informed that this morning the Muslim League here passed a resolution condemning Provincial Congress and Government for having manoeuvred that he should not stay with them. By passing such resolutions, Mahatma Gandho said, the gulf between Hindus and Muslims would not be bridged, nor would the wounds suffered be healed.

U. P. A. CRICKET SHIELD PRESENTATION

Under the auspices of the United Parsi Association a public meeting will be held at the Cowasji Jehangir Hall on Thursday, 3rd April at 6 p.m. when Sir Homi Mehta will preside and present the Challenge Shield and Cups to the champions (the Dadar Parsi Colony Zoroastrian Cricket Club) and the Runners-Up (The Kashinath and Wadia St. Colony) in the United Parsi Association Cricket Shield Tournament for Parsi Colonies.

The occasion will also be availed of to felicitate the members of the Indian Cricket team selected to tour Australia. This will be folowed by a lecture on "The Work Done By The Panchayat Committees" by Mr. S. F. Desai, Jt. Secretary of the Parsi Panchayat.

LET KHER OR NANDA ARBITRATE

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workers' claim to be rejected only on points of law and usage. It was necessary that the matter should be decided according to the requirements of the present-day society and the altered circumstances. Generally they were asked to cite precedents before the Industrial Court. It was however necessary that there must be some one to create a precedent.....

Mr. Abidali further stated that he was prepared for conciliation, and he wanted that public opinion should compel the management to sit with the workers representatives and coms to a reasonable compromise.

Mr. Abidali further made it clear that he did not necessarily want their goodwill share to be divided among the workers. If and when such share was granted he was prepared to create a trust out of it to be used for the benefit of the present and future workers.

Mr. Abidaly also explained that 50 per cent increase demanded by the workers was on the basis of the salary of pre-Chagla award. Actually the workers had asked only for 37½ per cent increase in the present wages.

GOVT.'S INTEREST IN NEGOTIATIONS

BOMBAY, March 27 (API.) A Press Note issued by the Director of Publicity says, "It has been suggested in some quarters that the next move in the B. E. S. T. strike must come from the Government of Bombay.

"The fact is that the Government has been taking active interest in the negotiations between the B.E.S.T. workers and the management from their very inception a few months ago. And when it became clear recently that there was no chance of an amicable settlement between the two parties, the Government lost no time in referring the dispute to adjudication, which is the only method of settling disputes at the stage.

It is open to workers even now to agree to adjudication and resume work. It is also open to the public now to persuade the workers to accept adjudication and resume the running of the bus and tram services in the city."

COMPANY'S POSITION

Mr. A. L. Guilford, General Manager of the B.E.S.T. Company, in a press statement today explained the Company's position in regard to the demand by the B.E.S.T. workers' Union for a share in the goodwill money.

"The demand" Mr. Guilford said, "was first put forward by the B.E.S.T. workers' union only in February 1947. It was immediately made clear to the Union leaders that their apparent belief that goodwill had been built up during the life the present company was entirely wrong."

Giving a history of the goodwill item, Mr. Guilford said: "The B.E.S.T. Company had to pay as goodwill to the Bombay Tramway Company, its predecessor of the horse tramways days, an assessed sum of Rs. 61,99,990 and under the agreement with the Bombay Municipality, this item, which was paid for in cash and became part of the capital structure of the B.E.S.T. Company, was to be partially compensated for by the Corporation to the extent of Rs. 40 lakhs if the Company was acquired in 1947, and Rs. 20 lakhs if acquired in 1961. If the company was to be acquired after 1961, that is after the next period of seven years, no such compensation was to be paid.

"Pravda's" Charges Against U. S. And Britain

MOSCOW, March 27 (Reuter). The Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" today accused Britain and the United States of having taken more than 10,000,000,000 dollars in reparations from Germany—the total which the Soviet Union is demanding.

Referring to reparation discussions concerning gold at the Council of Foreign Ministers, the "Pravda" declared: "It is true as Mr. George Marshall, United States Secretary of State, says that the United States has not taken ownership rights to the gold seized by them, but is only 'keeping' it.

"But the fact remains a fact—the gold has been in British and American hands for almost two years."

D. F. Karaka:

Off My Chest

A first step towards Prohibition is expected to be taken on April 1st this year when some sort of regulation will appear which will be the first of a series of regulations which belong to the Code—"The Fads of the Congress."

"The Fads of the Congress" are already in operation. As from April, newspapers and magazines will not be allowed to receive any advertisement regarding the sales and stocks of liquor.

Does the Government of Bombay really expect any grown-up, educated Indian to accept this as a sane and sensible measure?

The tragedy of it is that the Government does!

There is a change come over these Ministers of ours since the early days of the national struggle. Much of that humility, which characterised them as true servants of the people, appears to have vanished with assumption of office.

You have only to look at photographs of some of those same Hon'ble Gentlemen ten years ago.

Why has this change come over some of our most able men?

The answer is simple. We, the people, have put too high a premium on mediocrity.

While Gandhi talked of making heroes out of clay, he also meant that with the transformation, some strength of character would emerge from these new heroes we made. Yet to-day, the great Mahatma is less prominent in the press, over the radio and in the headlines than some of his lesser satellites.

The time has come for young men to step forward and stop this rot in our own ranks.

I refuse to believe that we who have revolted against the greatest Empire in modern times, are going to take lying down the continuous curtailment of individual liberty and accept without murmur the present position in which our own representatives treat us like a handful of school-children.

It stands to reason that if liquor is still to be sold in the next four years, liquor manufacturers and dealers must have the right to advertise it.

Recently in a melodramatic appeal, the Commissioner of Labour wrote an open letter to B.E.S.T. workers telling them of the inconvenience caused by the strike. The Government of Bombay might also sometimes bear in mind the havoc they are causing to individual freedom by constantly imposing restrictions to that freedom.

Men will NOT live their lives like cabbages. I would rather my liver rotted with booze than that I should become a pious humbug tugging at the apron strings of a Khaddar-clad Minister.

No, Sir, this was never the Congress of our dreams. This is a Kindergarten class. Grown-ups won't stomach it.

GBS

At Home

An article on the day to day life of George Bernard Shaw enlivened by a two colour photograph and a Beerbhom cartoon appears in the next issue of the B. C. Weekly.

Anything pertaining to the nonagenarian king of literary jesters is news, and the sight of April just peeping round the corner further prompted us to dish it out.

An Indian looks at post-war Europe and discovers a wasteland!

The man who literally unearthed the vestiges of the long-lost civilization of the Narbada valley lifts a corner of the curtain to reveal a new vista of Mother India's past.

All this and more. Features, photos and the latest news makes the next issue of the Bombay Chronicle Weekly a highly interesting number which you can ill afford to miss.

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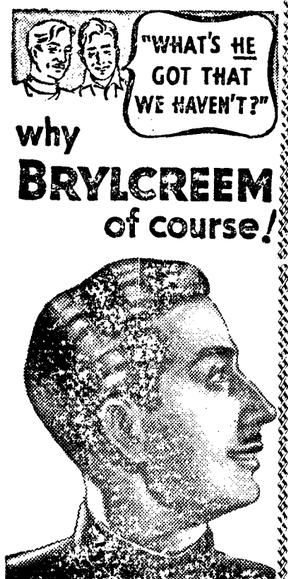

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Week Of Laughter With Only One Serious Screenplay

Two Flimsy Sophisticated Comedies—Fun In Greenwich Village —Frolicsome Comedy—Interesting Psychological Film

Strand

NEVER SAY GOODBYE (Warner)
Players: Errol Flynn, Eleanor Parker, Patti Brady, Lucile Watson.
Director: James V. Kern.

A measure of foam, a bit of froth and a dash of merriment make up the ingredients of this cinematic cocktail which helps to titivate your senses and, when its effects have blown away, leaves you feeling rather disgusted with the fickleness of a modern couple, divorced for some trivial reason and with a precocious female child being bounced like a ball between her shallow parents.

A six-foot marine, to whom the spoilt daughter has been writing love letters under the dictation of her unstable artist Daddy, misleading the serviceman into believing they have been penned by the young mother, at first complicates matters and eventually helps to bring the parted pair together and the masquerade to a finish.

As the divorced, erratic husband, Errol Flynn, who made a name for himself in swashbuckling roles, is a misfit and behaves rather effeminately. Eleanor Parker over-acts, as usual, in the part of the wife; so does the child actress Patti Brady. The marine is naturally played by Forrest Tucker.

Light stuff—for escapists.

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Regal

THE PERFECT MARRIAGE (Paramount)
Players: Loretta Young, David Niven, Eddie Albert, Zasu Pitts.
Director: Lewis Allen.

Here is yet another flimsy tale of domestic discord. The inanities of a couple, married for ten years, are paraded for our amusement with fair success, which, however, is unhappily tinctured with considerable irritation at the silly misunderstandings that could easily have been cleared up except by a pair of prosperous nitwits with nothing better to do than to bicker unceasingly. It is high time that producers stopped glorifying the frivolities of modern marriages.

The picture's liveliest moments are when the married couple have decided to part after their tenth anniversary and get together to form a sophisticated foursome with the future spouse of each. However, the domestic affairs of the yet-married couple's household, open the eyes of the prospective partners in life, who leave husband and wife to continue their hammer-and-tongs existence with their little daughter.

Loretta Young and David Niven play the frivolous couple with ease and charm. Charlie Ruggles and Zasu Pitts are delightful in small roles.

The direction, in parts, is somewhat heavy for such a trivial story.

—Froth and bubble.

—Errol Flynn and Eleanor Parker in "Never Say Goodbye" (Strand).

Dill Edwards and Gail Russell in "Our Hearts Were Growing up" (New Empire).

★

New Empire

OUR HEARTS WERE GROWING UP (Paramount)
Players: Gail Russell, Diana Lynn, Billy de Wolfe, Brian Donlevy.

The need for laughter, at the end of the world holocaust, seems to haunt the minds of Hollywood producers judging by the number of comedies emerging from the tinsel city.

A sequel to "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," the present film is set in New York's Greenwich Village—the world of Bohemians, where our two young heroines fall in love and fight tooth and nail for their men, dragging in the assistance of a hardboiled but helpful bootlegger, with a comical stooge.

Gail Russell and Diana Lynn are once again gay and go-ahead. Billy De Wolfe gives one of his imitation solos that will rouse much mirth, while Brian Donlevy plays the bootlegger in a becomingly humorous vein.

Serious picturegoers would probably find this concoction too giddy for their tastes.

A cure for the blues.

SEEING THE SHOWS WITH "SARDI"

David Niven and Loretta Young in "The Perfect Marriage" (Regal.)

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Excelsior

THE LOCKET (R.K.O. Radio)
Players: Brian Aherne, Laraine Day, Gene Raymond, Robert Mitchum.
Director: John Brahm.

The only serious drama of the week, this screen adaptation of Sheridan Gibney's absorbing play makes an interesting psychological photoplay.

An incident in childhood warps the character of Nancy who becomes a fickle woman breaking the hearts of men. On the day of her marriage to a wealthy young man, her former husband, a psychiatrist, comes to warn her bridegroom. Through him is unfolded the drama of the woman's life—her unsuccessful first marriage, her affair with the painter whom she drove to suicide, and her latest romance. Slowly the web is unspun, till the motivating factor of her neurosis is brought to light, with a locket providing the key to the mystery of her mental make-up.

Laraine Day has a difficult role in Nancy which she fills adequately. A galaxy of famous players surrounds her in the persons of Brian Aherne fine and restrained as ever in the part of the psychiatrist, Bob Mitchum as the woody painter who takes his own life, Gene Raymond as the young bridegroom. Also in the cast are veteran Ricardo Cortez and Reginald Denny.

Probings into the human mind can be tedious and dull in their screen presentation. In the present drama the interest is well-maintained and the atmosphere is suspenseful without being eerie.

Fine fare for lovers of intelligent screenplays.

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Metro

EASY TO WED (M.G.M.)
Players: Esther Williams, Van Johnson, Keenan Wynn, Lucille Ball.
Director: Edward Buzzell.

A better plot than most comedies contain, enlivens this picture. Some of the sequences, however, are a little too drawn out and thus become tedious rather than amusing as they might have been with less footage. This criticism applies particularly to the fishing scene depicting Van Johnson in the sorry predicament of having to live up to his boast of being an expert wild-duck hunter.

Newshawk Haggerty describes Connie, the daughter of a millionaire, as a husband-snatcher, whereupon she sues the paper for libel. In order to prop up his case, Haggerty persuades his girl friend Gladys to marry Bill Chandler whom he hires to woo Connie so that the latter may then be accused of stealing Bill from his wife. Of course the plan misfires and Chandler finds himself in the position of a bigamist. However, all ends well.

Van Johnson as Chandler, Esther Williams as Connie and Keenan Wynn as Haggerty are gay and frolicsome in their roles; but Lucille Ball, enacting Gladys, steals the picture from them.

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Drugs Act To Come Into Force From April 1

The orders withdrawing the Drugs Control Order, 1945, in the Province of Bombay will be enforced from April 1, 1947.

The reasons which prompted the Government of Bombay to take this decision are that the supply position of drugs in general has now greatly eased. In Bombay City almost all the drugs are now available freely at reasonable prices. The difficulties, if any, in obtaining drugs outside Bombay City, are mostly due to transport and hence temporary.

With the enforcement of the Drugs Act 1940 and the Bombay Drug Rules, 1946, from April 1, 1947, the import, manufacture, distribution and sale of the misbranded drugs will be prevented in the Province of Bombay. Ayurvedic and Unani Medicines, Medicines used by a registered Medical practitioner for his own patient and drugs intended for veterinary purposes, are exempted from the provisions of the Act.

The Act and Rules will be enforced strictly from April 1, in Bombay City and all the District Headquarters Towns in the Province, and their operation will be gradually extended to the other parts of the Province as and when the necessary inspecting and supervisory staff is built up.

PRODUCER MEHBOOB AT LAGUARDIA

NEW YORK, March 26. (Reuter): The Indian film producer Mr. Ramzan Khan Mehboob, arrived at Laguardia airport today from India accompanied by his wife. He said, he was in the United States to arrange for the distribution and showing of Indian films. Accompanying Mr. Mehboob was Mr. Ahmed Fazalboy, who is associated with Mr. Mehboob in his film production project.

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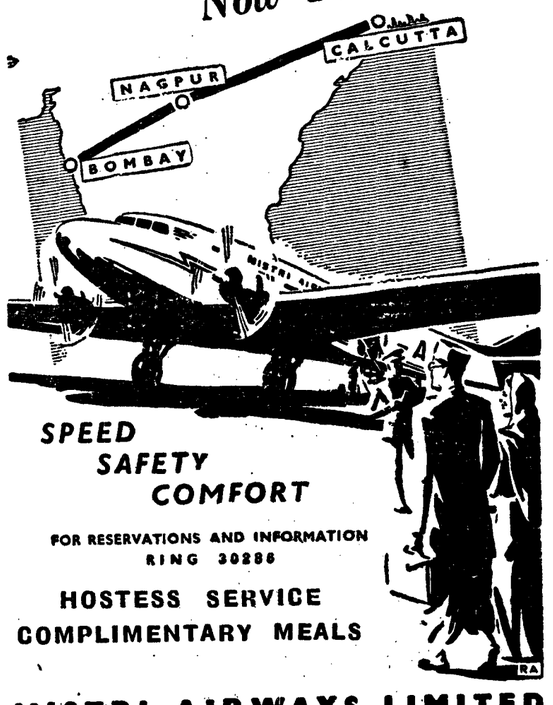

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All Accused Acquitted In Parsi Trunk Murder Case

ONE ACCUSED TO DIE FOR MURDER IN RUNNING TRAIN

Two Others Get Benefit Of Doubt And Acquitted

LAHORE, March 27 (API): Judgment has been pronounced by the Sessions Judge, Gujranwala in the train murder case in which Captain Miss Heirons of the British Military Hospital, Deolali was murdered and her companion Miss Reids was injured in the Bombay Express near Gujranwala Railway Station.

The Sessions Judge, Mian Mohd. Aslam, found accused Jagannath guilty of the murder of Captain Miss Heirons and sentenced him to death.

The other two accused—Mehnga Singh, of the Indian National Army and Swaroop Singh were given the benefit of doubt and were acquitted.

According to the prosecution, Captain Miss Heirons and Miss Reids were travelling in a First Class 'coupe' of the Bombay Express on their way to Kashmir on the night of May 12 1946. When the train was running between Kamoke and Gujranwala railway stations, three youngmen entered their 'coupe' and robbed them of a gold wrist watch and cash at the point of dagger, the intruders then threw Captain Miss Heirons off the running train as the result of which she died instantaneously. The matter was reported to the police at Gujranwala railway station but in the meantime the intruders had escaped.

Accused Jagannath was arrested at Gujranwala railway station shortly after the commission of the offence while the other two accused were arrested later.

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Macklin & A Special Jury)

Emperor
vs.
1 Kaikhushroo Manekji Bhathena,
2. Sultan Khan Mahomed,
3. Abdul Rehman Siddick .. Accused.

Charged with the murder of a young Parsi named Nariman Rustomji Shroff whose headless body was found in a tank at Vincent Road at midnight on 8th May, 1946, and with the offence of robbery, the accused were acquitted by His Lorship on Thursday evening after a protracted trial.

The first accused was an old and close friend of the deceased in whose custody the deceased had kept a young Christian girl with whom the deceased was in love and whom he intended to marry against the wishes of his family. On the circumstantial evidence in the case the prosecution alleged that the three accused had murdered the deceased in the room of the second accused. In spite of investigation the head of the deceased could not be traced but his body was identified by his brothers.

The defence of the accused was that they had been wrongly implicated and had nothing to do with the crime.

His Lordship directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty against accused 3 on both counts and against all the accused on the charge of robbery. On the charge of murder, the jury unanimously found both accused 1 and 2 not guilty.

His Lordship accordingly acquitted all the accused of the charges levelled against them.

Mr. F. G. Khairaz and the Advocate-General instructed by the Public Prosecutor appeared for the prosecution.

Sir Hormuzdyar Dastur defended accused 1.

Mr. T. N. Jungalwala defended accused 2.

Mr. A. S. Navalkar defended accused 3.

Trial Of Leaguer For Alleged Murder

KARACHI, March 27, (A.P.I.): The trial of Syed Varial Shah, President of the Dadu Muslim League, who is concerned in the murder of Syed Muradali Shah, began before the sub-judge of Sehwan yesterday. Six prosecution witnesses were examined they said that Syed Varial Shah was shot dead in his village during the Assembly elections. He was working for Mr. G. M. Syed. The case is proceeding.

10% Seats For Women In China's Assembly

NANKING, March 27, (Reuter): Women will be allowed 10 per cent of the seats in the National Assembly, the Legislative Yuan, it was decided today. As originally drafted, the electoral laws provided women with only about five per cent of the 2,910 seats, but a compromise passed by a majority vote specified 292 seats or 10 per cent of the total.

Members of women's organisations who attended the meeting as spectators applauded the victory. The women's demand was supported by the Young China Party and Democratic Socialists.

TURKISH CABINET AND U. S. AID

ANKARA, March 27 (UPA).—The Turkish Cabinet has met three times in the last two days but official circles said today that the Ministers discussed President Truman's proposal of aid to Turkey only in general terms.

Sources close to the Government believed the Cabinet could make no decisions before the United States Congress acts on Truman's proposals largely because the offer has not been extended formally to Turkey yet.

Vice-Premier Mimtaz Cekmen after today's session said: "The Cabinet reviewed domestic and foreign affairs which naturally included American aid."

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COTTON MOVES WITHIN NARROW RANGE

Suspension Of Business In Share Bazar

BOMBAY, March 27.

The Bombay Stock Exchange officially closed yesterday at 2 p. m. with Tata Steel Dfds. quoted at Rs. 2270. Thereafter the Stock Exchange authorities removed all restrictions on trading and the market was left alone to adjust itself to changed conditions.

However some members, who had no regard for the rules of the Exchange, were found selling heavily and Tata Steel Dfds. were done as low as Rs. 2150. This goes to show a decline of about Rs. 200 from the opening level.

The President of the Stock Exchange who is anxious to establish high standard of trading in the local Share Bazar, lost no time to penalise law-breakers.

Before opening of the session to-day he addressed the members and demanded from those law-Breakers who had done business yesterday after the official close of the market, to cover up their sales and send the amount of the profit to the Board without delay. He also warned members that anybody evading payments of these ill-gotten profits would be severely punished and suspended trading for the day.

In some quarters, particularly those who abide by the rules and regulations, the action of the President is believed to be a mild one some members favoured even suspension of these members for some time who disregard rules for their personal gains.

Any way the action of the President saved the market from a panic and it remains to be seen whether normal trading will be allowed tomorrow. Perhaps the Board may fix budla rates for some of the highly speculative scrips. The Board is meeting this afternoon.

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, March 27.

The Bullion Market ruled steady today under support of professional manipulators who virtually established their control over the market.

Vaishak delivery Silver opened at Rs. 154/4 and improved at Rs. 155/8 under speculative buying. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 161/8. Vaishakh delivery Gold opened at Rs. 100/4 and advanced at Rs. 101 while Spot Gold was placed at Rs. 103.

The market finally closed as under:

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	161	8	0
Vaishakh Delivery	155	4	0
Ready Gold	102	12	0
Vaishakh Delivery	101	1	0
Sovereign	68	14	0

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, March 27.

The local cotton market was quiet today with restricted business. At the opening May delivery was quoted at Rs. 435 and improved at Rs. 436 under scattered buying and short covering, but thereafter there was no buying and the market ruled quiet at Rs. 435/8 with scattered selling. The market was dull and traders remain undecided although present prices are not far from the floor level fixed by the Government.

Later on the market was steady and May was quoted at Rs 436 and July business was done at Rs. 450.

The market fluctuated between Rs. 434/8 and Rs. 436,14 for May delivery and finally closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. May	436	0	0
I.C.C. July	449	4	0
I.C.C. Sept.	459	4	0

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.
BOMBAY, March 26.

	Hi.	Lo.	Closing.
May	439	435	435
July	452-3/4	449-3/8	449-3/8
Sept.	462-3/4	459-1/2	459-1/2
Karachi 4F May	47-0-9	46-8-6	46-9-3

INDIAN COTTON PARITY.
Indian Cotton May Contract is 1900 cent-points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

CHICAGO WHEAT.
CHICAGO, March 26.
May 2.71-1/4 to 2.70-3/4.
July 2.38 to 2.37-1/2.
September 2.28-1/2 to 2.28.
December 2.24-1/2.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.
BOMBAY, March 27.

Tata Ordinary 398/8; Tata Deferred 2180; Indian Iron 36; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 27; Bombay Dyeing 2170; Central India 297/8; Gokak 300; Kohinoor 695; Simplex 300; Swadeshi 595; Tata Power 1665; Associated Cement 175; Belapur 245; Bombay Burma (Old) 460; Scindia 31/4; Central Bank 127; New India 90; Tata 2nd Pref. 166/14.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, March 27.

The meeting held yesterday did not come to any decision about forward business in Castorseeds. The Board will meet on the 31st inst. and after giving a notice of 21 days, a general meeting will be called for trading in Castorseeds.

The market was quietly steady. Ready Linseed was quoted at Rs. 29/12 while April-May delivery business was done at Rs. 29/5. Castorseeds May were quoted at a penalty of Rs. 2/8 over the fixed maximum rate of Rs. 131. Ready Castorseeds were quoted at Rs. 158. Groundnuts Khandesh quality were done at Rs. 34/8. Coromandal at Rs. 32/8 and Bold at Rs. 32/4.

Groundnut Oil ready Bombay Mills was placed at Rs. 20. April delivery was quoted at Rs. 19/6 and May business was done at Rs 19/12. Castoroil was quoted at Rs. 20 and Linseedoil was placed at Rs. 21.

WALL STREET MARKET FIRM

NEW YORK, March 26.

Stocks: The carryover of yesterday's heaviness subsequently attracted somewhat improved support and the market rallied to show gains of fractions to one point or so in moderately active dealings. Buyer preference ran mainly to leading minings, motors, utilities, oils, steels, chemicals electric manufacturings, avaitions and West stocks. Traders interest was centered on Truman's press conference disclosure that the economic advisory council is working on a special report on the wage price problem. The averages were 175.57 and 48.33. The reawakened buying interest, which earlier saw a few sizeable blocks of some recently oversold industrials changing hands, tended to pause during the afternoon but maximum advances were easily maintained. Truman's hopes of no further price level rise that might prompt still higher wage demands and Secretary Snyder's indication that some basic industries are considering price cuts evoked academic interest but the market was virtually unaffected. Moderately active buying during the final stages under the leadership of industrials and specialities pushed the market along a fairly broad front to show gains of fractions to two points or better with Chraysler corn products up 3-1/8 and 97-3/8. The market closed firm.

American Telephone and Telegraph	166-1/4
Amerex Holding Co.	31
Anaconda Copper Mining	39-5/8
Chase National Bank	35-5/8
Sinclair Oil	15-1/2
Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co.	58
General Electric Co.	35-1/4
General Motors	60-1/8
Ingersol Rand	117
International Nickel	32-7/8
National City Bank of New York	42-1/4
New York Central Rail Road Co.	17-3/4
Socony Vacuum Corporation	14-3/8
Texas Corporation	60-3/8
Union Carbon and Carbide	99-3/4
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	48-3/4 ex div.
U. S. Steel Corporation Common	73-1/4
Western Union Telegraph	19-7/8

DOW JONES AVERAGES
NEW YORK, March 26.

Dow Jones averages: 20 railroads 48.70 Vs 48.28, 30 Industrials 177.10 Vs 175.29, 15 utilities 35.67 Vs 35.50, Domestic Bonds 104.32 Vs 104.23 and Commodity Index 136.18 Vs 135.40.

LOUIS B. MAYER SUED FOR DIVORCE

LOS ANGELES, March 27, (APA): Louis B. Mayer, multi-millionaire head of Metro-Goldwyn Mayer, is being sued for divorce by Mrs. Mayer to whom he has been married 43 years.

Mrs. Mayer alleged desertion beginning May 21, 1944. A spokesman for Mayer indicated that the action would be uncontested.

More French Troops Reach Indo-China

SAIGON, March 27. (Reuter): The French liner "Ile De France" has arrived at Cape St. Jacques, near Saigon, carrying 4,600 reinforcements from Toulon for the French forces now fighting the Viet Namese in Indo-China.

MINOR VICTORY CLAIMED

HANOI, March 27. (Reuter): A strong concentration of Viet Namese nationlist forces was dispersed and a quantity of arms captured by French troops in the region of Luc Nam, about 80 kilometres northeast of Hanti in northern Indo-China, according to a French High Command communique.

The communique also reported the explosion of a mine under a railway carriage near the Port City of Haphong without damage to personnel and two minor skirmishers one in the region of Mon Cay near the Chinese Frontier and the other at Ninh Binh, 85 kilometres south-east of Hanoi.

FRENCH ARMOURED DIVISIONS MEET

Three French armoured divisions met 30 miles east of Hanoi, the capital of the Viet Nam Republic in wide-scale operations against Viet Namese who have been fighting the French in North Indo-China, French sources reported today.

The people of five villages in this area asked for protection by French troops, the report added.

The Viet Namese are resolved to fight on to the bitter end against the French policy of reconquest by force in Indo-China, Hoang Minh Giam, the newly appointed Foreing Minister of Viet Nam Republic stated yesterday, according to the Vietnam Radio.

Sardar To Visit Ahmedabad On April 5

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, March 27.

It is learnt from a telegram received from Sardar Patel that Sardarji is visiting Ahmedabad on 5th April to lay the foundation stone of Ballabh Vidya Mandir (near Ananda). He will meet Gujarat Congress Workers during his visit here.

State workers of the Gujarat Cutch and Kathiawar Convention will meet here on 20th April. Dr. Pattabhi is requested to preside.

CALICUT MARKET

Calicut, March 27.

Coiryarn Beypore 190/200 Quilandy 200/210 Fibre Garbled 177/8 Ungarbled 160 Cocoanuts Raw 125 Dry 120 Cocoanutoil 430 Copra Office 280 Dilpasand 290 Madrasnottam 320 Pepper Wynaad 535 Country 527/8 Drygingar Chernad 295 Ernad 280 Coffee Robusta 88 Timber Pali 52/8 Junglewood 30 Villapine 52/8 Benteak 55 Teak 95 Mangoplanks 4/8 Teak 18 Rosewood 19/20

NEW YORK SILVER DOWN TWO CENTS

NEW YORK, March 26 (UPA.)

The price of silver was today quoted on the New York market at 75-1/4 cents per ounce, marking a decline of two cents from the previous day's level of 77-1/4 cents per ounce.

Silver dealers today said that the demand continued strong but heavy offerings depressed the market. It is believed that all of the day's offerings at 75-1/2 cents were taken up.

The turnover was estimated at between 300,000 and 400,000 ounces, all of which is believed to be destined to domestic use.

HAPUR MARKET

Hapur, March 27.

Wheat 15/8 Gram 12/4 Barley 9/6/6 Bijar 9/6/6 Maize 8/5 Bajra 7/10 Juwar 7/10 Peas 9/13/6 Jeth 9/12 Guwar 10 Arhar 11 Jeth 10/11 Urad 17/5 Moong 13/14/6 Masoor 14 Stocks Gram 2 Barley 900 Bejhar 37 Peas 8 Khatties Gur 12/8 Shakkar 13/4 Oats Ready 10 Jeth 9 7 Methi 12 Seeds Mustard Ready 18 Jeth 17/9 Groundnut 13 Cottonseed 14/6 Taraseed 17 Oils Mustard 67 Groundnut 56 Linseed 58 Cotton 36 Loose 42 Mtf equal 354 Bby L Kc Mahesh Hapur M 27 P 2/2: 42 Bardana Ready 8/2 To Chet 82 Asar 76/8 very unsteady silver ready May 158/1: Forward 143/14 Gold Ready May 100/2 Forward 90/2 very quiet.

Punjab Relief Fund

The General Secretaries of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee have issued the following press appeal:

The citizens of Bombay must have doubtless read in the press the appeal for relief for the Punjab riot victims issued by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in his capacity as the Treasurer of the Indian National Congress. The B.P.C.C. at its meeting held on the 18th instant has endorsed this appeal and has earnestly requested the citizens of Bombay, who have always been the foremost in responding to such calls, to contribute liberally and promptly to the Punjab Relief Fund. Since then we have also received urgent appeals from the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee for funds, clothing and medicines.

We are conscious of the repeated calls for contributions which we have been making, but looking to the serious situation which has developed in the Punjab and the urgency for relief, it is imperative that all should rush to the aid of these helpless people. We are confident, therefore, that the citizens will promptly do their best by generously contributing to this urgent humanitarian cause, as help delayed is help withheld.

All donations may be sent to the Congress House, Bombay 4, and these will be duly acknowledge.

CITY FATHERS ACCEPT "WELL-WISHER'S" DONATION

Offer For Research In Nair Hospital Surgical Theatre

After a heated discussion of about 45 minutes, the Municipal Corporation on Thursday, agreed to accept an offer of donation of Rs. 20,000 for carrying out research in the surgical theatre of Bai Yamunabai L. Nair Hispital. The donor wished to remain anonymous as a "well wisher". Mr. Dahyabhai V. Patel moved the resolution to accept the donation.

Mr. M. N. Talpade wished to know the name of the donor as he thought that some contractor to get contract from the Municipality should not be encouraged. He hoped in this case it was not so.

Dr. G. R. A. Shaikh also spoke and wanted to know the name of the donor.

The Municipal Commissioner did not wish to disclose the name of the donor without permission, but he assured the House that it had nothing to do with the Municipal contract.

The reesolution was then passed to accept the donation.

New York Cotton Active And Firm

PRICES ADVANCE 19 TO 27 POINTS

NEW YORK, March 26 (UPA.)

Active trading and firm prices featured today's session of the New York Cotton Exchange. After a hesitant start prices trended upwards in the sixth consecutive session, responding to the firmness in grains, stocks and the tightening statistical position. The Administration move to talk down prices was backgrounded and inflationary implications were seen in the proposed tax cut, meaning an additional 5,700,000,000 dollars will be in circulation. President Truman expressed the hope that business will exert every effort to hold down the price line to prevent a further price rise and prevent still higher wage demands.

Today's session opened seven lower to three higher. Prices firmed immediately and trended upward until the close when gains of 19 to 27 were established. Spot May neared the 36-cent level the highest since mid-October.

PRICE FIXING

The main trading features included price fixing on an estimated 10,000 bales for Canadian mills plus covering by domestic mills which while individually small, bulked large in the aggregate. Resiliency in prices and the failure of the arrival of the expected major technical setback were unnerving New Orleans, Western and local shorts who were utilizing the reactions to cover. With the outstanding interest in May estimated at 700,000 bales, some quarters are predicting a tighter situation than in March which almost reached the 36 cent level before expiration.

The pullish aspects of the statistical picture were again brought into the foreground as private reports stress that there will be a slow start in the early new crop work. With cotton stocks the lowest in 18 years, any serious setback in the new crop is expected to spur trade anxiety to cover against a sustained high rate of textile operations.

EXPORT POSITION

In the export market, Poland was understood to be a recent buyer of 40,000 bales while other trade sources insist that China this year will consume nearly 2,000,000 bales despite the acknowledged shortage of the dollar exchange.

Meanwhile, China was reported to be seeking credits to purchase Egyptian cotton but the status of the negotiations is doubtful owing to the unstable internal conditions in China. The Egyptian Ministry of Finance and the Cotton Exporters Association were reported to be considering methods for the reopening of business with Japan.

TRADING IN LIVERPOOL

It was reported here that some British quarters foresee the possibility of a resumption of trading in Liverpool futures for delivery outside the British Isles. The suggested plan is to establish warehousing facilities in Eire, Portugal, the Azores or the international port of Tangier. Proponents point out that this method might allow the establishing of a world level in the international Liverpool market despite the limitations imposed by the British Cotton Control. Supporters argue that the New York market is unable to provide hedging medium on a world scale because to the restricted nature of the contract plus the Government loan purchase policies.

HIGH COUNT IN DEMAND

In the local textile market it was reported that a fairly large volume of high count print cloths and light weight sheetings was negotiated for shipment to India at prices 20 per cent above the domestic levels. The Middle East and the Far East were the other reported destinations. Otherwise, foreign demand in textiles here was developing disappointingly since the U. S. removal of export licensing regulations. Traders ascribed the backwardness in foreign sales to the belief that Japanese goods will soon re-appear in the world markets.

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, March 26.

May	35.76+27
May highest	35.77+28
May lowest	35.44—05
July	33.90+19
October	30.82+22
December	29.92+22
January	29.62+22
March	29.43+18
Middling Spot	36.71+22

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.
New York, March 26.

May	35.62+22
July	33.85+16
October	30.76+16
December	29.87+17
March	29.35+12
Middling Spot	35.60+10

LONDON BULLION
London, March 26.

Silver: Spot	46d.
Forward	45-1/4d.
Gold bars fine per oz.	£8/12/3

LONDON WHEAT
London, March 26.

Australian Wheat (bulk) F.O.B.	103

March/April quoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, March 26.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 pc	93-3/4
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 pc 1961	109-1/8
War Loan 3-1/2 pc 1952 and after	106
Funding Loan 4 pc 1960/90	115-1/4
Victory Bond 4 pc	117-1/2
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	11-3/4 ex div.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	101-1/2
National Bank of India	34-1/4

NEW YORK SILVER
New York, March 26.

U. S. price of foreign silver 75-1/4 cents.

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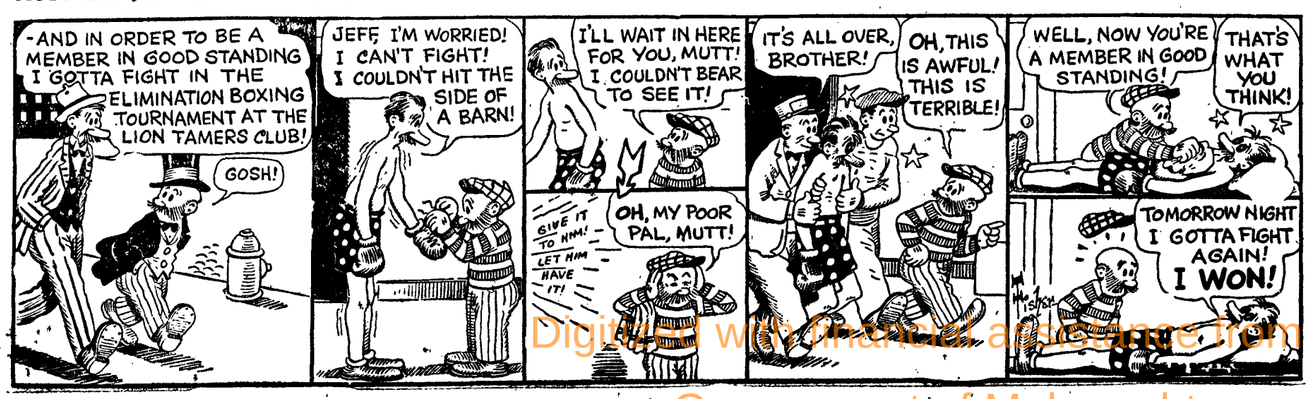

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PUBLIC NOTICES

G.I.P. RAILWAY

NEW PASSENGER TRAIN BETWEEN POONA AND RAICHUR

WITH EFFECT from April 1, 1947, an additional passenger train will be introduced on the Poona-Raichur Section and will run to the following timings. Timings of Nos. 15 Down and 16 Up passenger trains will also be revised as shown below:

15 Dn	17 Dn (New)				16 Up	18 Up (New)
H.M	H.M.				H.M.	H.M.
6-00	13-00	D.	Poona	A.	23-10	14-50
8- 8	15-10	A.)	Dhond	(D.	21-00	12-38
8-45	15-45	D.)		(A.	20 28	12- 8
12-14	19-25	A.)	Kurduwadi	(D.	17- 5	8-41
12-40	19-50	D.)		(A	16 40	8-16
15-00	22-00	A.)	Sholapur	(D.	14 50	5-45
15-35	22-40	D.)		(A.	13-46	4- 5
16- 1	23-45	A.)	Hotgi	(D.	13-17	3-37
16-21	0-30	D.)		(A.	13- 2	3-22
21-10	5-20	A.)	Wadi	(D.	8-48	22-15
21 40	6- 5	D.)		(A.	8- 8	21- 5
1-00	9-25	A.	Raichur	D.	5-00	18-00

(2568)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL

APPLICATIONS are invited from female candidates to fill a temporary post of Assistant Inspectress of Orphanages. The post is reserved for a member of the Scheduled Castes. PAY—The scale of pay will be that of the Bengal Educational Service. AGE—must not be over 40 years on 1st April, 1947. QUALIFICATIONS—A candidate must have a B.T. degree in addition to a good Bachelor's degree of an Indian or Foreign University: must have knowledge in children's psychology and should have organising ability and capacity for extensive touring work. Full details and application forms may be obtained from the office of the Public Service Commission, Bengal, Anderson House, Alipore, Calcutta, personally or on sending an addressed envelope with a nine pies stamp affixed. They will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps. Candidates who are unable to obtain copies of the prescribed form may apply on any printed or typed form, a sample of which was published in the Calcutta Gazette of the 21st November 1946 provided that the form used is of the size, and shows exactly the wording and spacing, of the sample form, that the words of the sample are not reproduced in hand writing and that the blanks are filled in the candidates' own hand writing. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 21st April, 1947. 2714

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of Lecturer in Agricultural Economics in the Bai Vijibai Jivanlal Panalal Section in Agricultural Economics in the University School of Economics and Sociology. The Lecturer will be required to give instruction to Post-graduate students in Agricultural Economics and allied subjects and guide and conduct investigation and research in these fields under the supervision of the Head of the Department.

The salary of the post is Rs. 200-20-400-25-500. The appointment will be on probation for a period of two years, after which the incumbent will be made permanent, if his work is satisfactory. He will be required to contribute to the University Provident Fund.

Candidates should give full details about their academic career, research qualifications, age teaching experience, publications etc. Applicants must have a good knowledge of Economics and must have specialised in Agricultural Economics. Knowledge of Statistics and of one of the principal languages of the Province, preferably Kannada, will be an additional qualification.

Candidates should send six copies of the application and of testimonials to the Registrar, University of Bombay, so as to reach him not later than 15th May, 1947.

Canvassing, direct or indirect will be a disqualification.

S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar.
Bombay, 19th March, 1947.
2704

SECRETARY, PUNJAB AND N. W. F. P. JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, LAHORE.

INVITES APPLICATIONS from British Indian subjects and subjects of notified Punjab States, (Muslims and Punjabis preferred; but other communities not barred) not later than 7th May, 1947, on prescribed form (obtainable free) accompanied by a treasury or M.O. receipt for Rs. 5/- (No fee in the case of War-Service candidates) for a temporary (up to 31st March 1948) post of TOOL-CUM-JIG & FIXTURE MAKER. Age limit between 30 and 50 years. Qualifications:—(i) Matriculation or equivalent, (ii) Should be skilled tool-cum-jig and fixture maker, preferably with practical experience of making jigs and fixtures etc., for producing bicycle components, (iii) Experience in railway or arsenal work-shops will count as additional qualification. Pay:—Rs. 300 P. M. fixed. Government servants eligible. Further particulars on application. War Service candidates serving outside India can submit applications on plain paper giving full details, if prescribed forms not available. Candidates who applied for this post in August-September, 1946 need not apply again. Their previous applications will be considered. 2708

SECRETARY, PUNJAB AND N. W. F. P. JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, LAHORE.

INVITES APPLICATIONS from Indian British Subjects domiciled in the Punjab and subjects of notified Punjab States and natives of Baluch tribal territory, NOT LATER THAN THE 29TH MAY, 1947 on prescribed form (obtainable free) accompanied by treasury or M.O receipt for Rs 5 (no fee in the case of war service candidates) for a permanent post of ASSISTANT (PROVINCIAL) LEPROSY OFFICER, Punjab Public Health Service. Pay:—Rs. 225-15-285/15-480/20-500 p.m. Advance increments for candidate with special qualification and experience. Qualifications:—A graduate in Medicine of a recognised University or Institution. (ii) Atleast 3 months' course of training in Leprosy at the Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene or other recognised Institution, (iii) Atleast 3 months' practical and field experience in Leprosy work. (iv) Hold a certificate from Officer in-charge, Leprosy Department, School of Tropical Medicine Calcutta, that he has sufficient knowledge of Leprosy and is regarded as an expert in the Organisation of Leprosy work. (v) Candidates with previous experience of Survey work preferred. Age:—Below 35 years on 29-5-47, relaxable in case of experienced candidates and Government Servants. War Service candidates serving outside India can apply on plain paper, giving full details, if prescribed forms not available. They should attach with their applications a certificate in proof of their 'War Service' Government servants eligible. Further particulars on application. 2707

PUBLIC NOTICES

SECRETARY, PUNJAB & N.W.F.P. JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, LAHORE,

INVITES APPLICATIONS, separately for each category of posts, from British Indian Subjects preferably domiciled in Punjab or Delhi and subjects of notified Punjab States (War Service candidates only)—Statutory Agriculturists preferred—on or before the 29th May, 1947 on prescribed forms (obtainable free) for war reserved posts of (i) One EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (for Muslims only) and (ii) One ASSISTANT ENGINEER (for Sikhs only) in Punjab P.W.D., Public Health Branch; (iii) 7 ASSISTANT PROFESSORS in ELECTRICAL/MECHANICAL/CIVIL Engineering in Punjab College of Engineering and Technology, Lahore and (iv) Ten Temporary ASSISTANT ENGINEERS in Punjab P.W.D., Buildings and Roads Branch. Qualifications etc. for EXECUTIVE ENGINEER:—Degree or other qualifications specified in Appendix 'A' to the Punjab Service of Engineers, Buildings and Roads Branch (Recruitment and conditions of Service) Rules, 1942 with at least 8-10 years experience of design and construction of public Health engineering works i.e. Public Water Supply Works, Sewerage and Sewerage disposal works. Age:—Between 30 and 40 years on 1-1-46—relaxable in accordance with the length of recognised War Service. Pay:—Rs. 625-40-1025/50-1275. Qualifications etc. for One ASSISTANT ENGINEER in Public Health Branch:—Qualifications as for Executive Engineer and B.Sc. Engg. Degree of Muslim University, Aligarh except that no experience is required. Age:—Between 22 and 26 years on 1-1-46—relaxable in accordance with the length of recognised war service. Pay:—Rs. 250-25-550/25-750. Qualifications etc. for 7 ASSISTANT PROFESSORS:—Candidates must hold (i) Degree or Diploma in Electrical/Mechanical/Civil Engineering gained after a full regular course of study. (ii) Corporate Membership of Institution of Electrical/Mechanical Engineers London/Corporate Membership of one or both of the Institution of Civil Engineers London and Institution of Engineers India an asset. (iii) Sound teaching experience and ability preferably in Engineering subjects (relaxable in the case of Assistant Professor Civil Engg.) (iv) Sound practical experience of Electrical/Mechanical Engg. and machinery/professional experience including practical experience of designs and construction of Civil Engg. Works. Age:—Between 22 and 26 years on 1-1-46—relaxable in accordance with the length of recognised war service. Pay:—Rs. 250-25-550/25-750. Qualifications etc. for Ten Temporary ASSISTANT ENGINEERS in Buildings and Roads Branch:—As for Executive Engineer and B.Sc. Engineering Degree of Muslim University, Aligarh except that no experience is required. Age:—Between 21 and 25 years on 1-8-46—relaxable in accordance with the length of recognised war service. Pay:—250-25-550/25-750. Initial pay according to Age. Qualifications and experience. Candidates who have already applied to the Federal Public Service Commission, Simla for any of these reserved posts need not apply again; their previous applications will be considered. They may, however, intimate their present addresses only. Candidates serving outside India may if forms not available apply on plain paper and must attach to their applications a certificate showing that their service is recognised as war service. Further particulars on application. (2706)

G.I.P. RLY.—TENDERS

THE DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER, Grainshops, G.I.P. Railway, Bombay, V.T., will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 P.M. on 10-4-47 for the supply of Pure Ghee at the Railway grainshops at Poona, Sholapur, Ahmednagar and Shahabad. Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office or from the Asstt. Controller, Grainshops, G.I.P. Railway at Poona. (2669)

PUBLIC NOTICES

INCOME-TAX DEPARTMENT

APPLICATIONS are invited from qualified candidates for appointment as Upper Division Clerks in the Income-Tax Department, Bombay City, in the scale of Rs. 70-80-80-5-150-10-200 plus allowances up to a maximum of Rs. 37-11-0. These scales may be revised on the recommendations of the Pay Commission and the revised scales will be applicable when introduced. Applicants should possess the degree of a recognized University and should be domiciled in the Province of Bombay or be subjects of an Indian State adjacent thereto. Age limit 25, with the usual concession for war service candidates. Candidates will be required to appear for an interview at their own expense.

Applications should be in the candidates' own handwriting and should give the following details:

i. Full name and address.
ii. Date of birth.
iii. Religion, Caste.
iv. Academic qualifications including distinctions etc. obtained.
v. Languages known.
vi. Qualifications if any entitling special consideration.
vii. Previous service if any.

Applications should be addressed to the Inspecting Assistant Commissioner of Income-tax, E-Range, Bombay, and should reach him not later than the 15th April, 1947. Persons already in Government service should apply through their official superiors.

COMMISSIONER OF INCOME-TAX,
Bombay City.
(2703)

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS are invited from persons, with "approved War Service" and also outsiders who are natives of the province of Bombay for the posts of Assistant District Co-operative Officers in the Grade of Rs. 25-5|2-55.

Minimum qualification: Matriculation examination of the Bombay University.

PAY: Matriculates are entitled to a starting salary of Rs. 30|- P. M. while pass and Honour Graduates Rs. 40|- p. m. and 50|- p.m. respectively, plus additional pay and dearness allowance admissible under the orders of Government.

AGE LIMIT: 23 years in the case of advanced class and 26 years in the case of Intermediate or Backward class, as on 1st April 1947. The age limit will not apply in the case of ex-service candidates.

LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS
15th April 1947.

Applications should be addressed to assistant Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Sholapur. Preference will be given to those who have got the knowledge of the working of Co-operative Societies.

(Sd.) V. M. DESHPANDE,
Assistant Registrar,
Co-operative Societies, Sholapur.
(2713)

G.I.P. RAILWAY
MECHANICAL DEPARTMENT.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED to fill the following temporary vacancies in the Locomotive Workshops at Parel immediately:—

Category	Grade Rs.	No. of vacancies
1. Assistant Blacksmith	34-1-38	18
2. Assistant Moulder	34-1-38	40
3. Assistant Turner	34-1-38	70
4. Assistant Machinist	34-1-38	50
5. Assistant Patternmaker	34-1-38	10

Starting pay will be allowed at the rate of Rs. 34/- p.m. in the above grade and in addition, an interim relief of Rs. 4-8-0 p.m. and Dearness Allowance at Rs. 19/- p.m. are also admissible. The vacancies are purely temporary. The appointment is subject to passing of a trade test and medical examination which will be arranged by the Railway Administration.

Candidates desirous of offering their services for any of the above posts should submit applications, with copies of testimonials if any, addressed to the Works Manager, G.I.P. Railway Workshop, Parel, Bombay 12 or deposit their application in the box provided for this purpose at Parel Time Office (Main entrance of the workshop).

Preference will be given to candidates who have served full time apprenticeship with any recognised Engineering Firm. The Railway Administration will not pay any expenses a candidate may incur on the journeys in connection with the interview and trade test, nor will a candidate be entitled to any compensation should he meet with any accident while undergoing a trade test in Parel shops. (2716)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
TENDER.

THE TEST AUDIT OFFICER invites tenders for printing and supplying bound copies of Indices for the Proceedings of Bombay Municipal Corporation. Tender forms, containing specifications directions, etc., can be had from the Superintendent, Municipal Printing Press, on payment of Re. 1|- per copy. Tenders should be submitted before 1 p. m. (B. T.) on Wednesday the 9th April, 1947.

Improvement Trust Bldg.,
Napier Road, Fort, Bombay.
(2702)

PUBLIC NOTICES.

TENDERS FOR CEYLON COPRA AND COCOANUT OIL.

Civil Supplies Department,
Bombay Castle, 25th March 1947.

TENDERS ARE INVITED from bona-fide clearing contractors for appointment as the clearing agent for the Government of Bombay in respect of Ceylon copra and Ceylon cocoanut oil allotted to the Bombay Government, by the Government of India.

2. A copy of the conditions for the appointment can be had from the Director of Civil Supplies, Secretariat, Bombay.

3. Applications should reach the undersigned on or before the 15th April 1947.

4. The undersigned is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

J. BOOTH,
Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay.
(2701)

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of an Indian Education Officer (female) in the Zanzibar protectorate. Candidates should have University degrees and either a teaching diploma or a degree in Education. Knowledge of Gujarati is essential. The candidates should have experience in Teacher Training and preferably also in Inspection. The post is for 5 years on contract and the scale of pay is £360-22½-405 per annum. Further details may be obtained on application. Applications giving full particulars regarding age, qualifications, experience etc. should reach the Secretary, Department of Education (O.D.I.), Government of India, New Delhi, not later than the 30th April, 1947. Candidates in employment should apply through the proper channel. (2712)

Civil Supplies Department,
Bombay Castle, 25th March 1947.

ORDER

Bombay Essential Commodities, and Cattle (Control) Act 1946.

No. 805/IV.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 3 and 4 of the Bombay Essential Commodities and cattle (control) Act, 1946 (Bom. No. XXII of 1946) the Government of Bombay is pleased to delete with effect from 1st April 1947 items Nos. 4, 10 and 11 from Schedule I to the said Act and to cancel the following orders continued in force in the Province of Bombay after 30th September 1946 under section 5 of the said Act,

namely,

(1) The Drugs Control Order, 1945,
(2) The Non-ferrous Metals Control Order 1945,
(3) The Brass and Copper (Control) Order, 1945, and
(4) The Aluminium Utensils (Control) Order, 1945.

By order of the Governor of Bombay,
J. BOOTH,
Joint Secretary to Government.
2705

AUCTION SALES.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF LANDS, HIRINGS AND DISPOSALS, OFFICE OF A. D. H. D. BOMBAY, S.Q.B. AREA.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.

IN INSOLVENCY

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DECLARE DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Official Assignee of Bombay intends to declare dividends in the following estates as mentioned below:—

Serial No.	Insolvency No.	Name of the Insolvent.	Dividend intended to be declared.
1.	226 of 1940	Pinehas Elijah North.	FIRST.
2.	155 of 1944	Nigel Francis Kinchella.	-do-
3.	13 of 1945	Allimahomed Haji Abdulla.	FIRST & FINAL
4.	577 of 1937	Ramchandra Papaya Kasulwar and another	SECOND & FINAL
5.	24 of 1939	Bertram Ellis.	-do-
6.	192 of 1938	Babu Bhivrao Jakhurkar.	THIRD
7.	229 of 1938	Nadir Jivaji Mistry.	-do-
8.	253 of 1938	Michael Edward Saxby.	-do-
9.	292 of 1938	Kantilal Thakoredas Topiwalla.	-do-
10.	169 of 1938	Dattatraya Ramchandra Tikekar.	THIRD & FINAL
11.	377 of 1938	Morarji Keshavji Thucker.	-do-
12.	26 of 1939	Anthony Henriques.	-do-
13.	714 of 1936	Shivshankar Deoraj Oza.	FOURTH
14.	541 of 1937	James Leonard William.	-do-
15.	530 of 1934	Chhagonlal Bhawanishankar Vyas and another.	FOURTH & FINAL
16.	669 of 1934	Thomas Alexander Rowe.	SIXTH & FINAL

Creditors who have not proved their claims are requested to do so in the office of the undersigned within fourteen days from the date hereof. If they fail to do so, their claims will be excluded and the undersigned will proceed to declare a dividend in the respective estates, as stated above without regard to such claims.

All persons having claims against the Official Assignee in the abovementioned estates in respect of costs, charges, expenses, rent, lien or otherwise, are hereby requested to notify their claims to the undersigned, within fourteen days from the date of this advertisement. On expiry of the said period, the assets in the above estates will be distributed and the claims received after that period will not be recognised.

Bombay, dated this 25th day of March, 1947.

Official Assignee's Office,
High Court, Bombay.

G. G. MAHADEVIA,
Official Assignee of Bombay.
(2711)

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